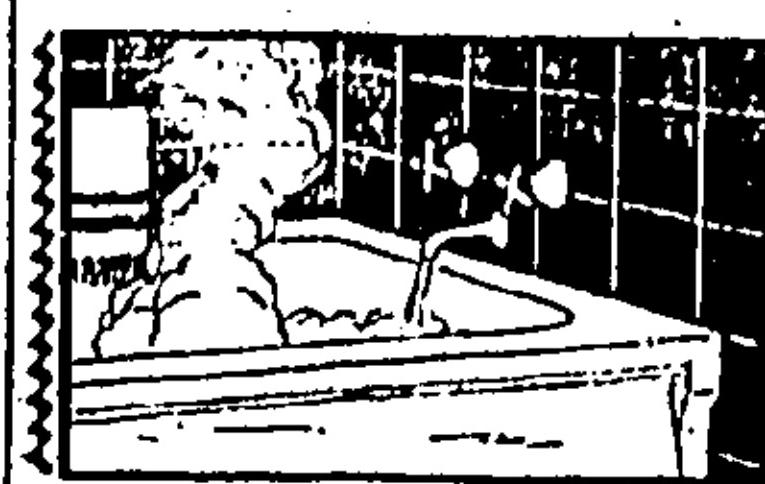


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NEW THREAT TO CHINCHOW.

U.S. COUNSELS CAUTION.

HINT TO JAPAN.

Washington, Dec. 18. The countering of the order to the Japanese forces in Manchuria, restricting their movements west of the Liao River, is causing considerable anxiety in all Foreign Offices.

A further expression of concern has been communicated by the United States Government in friendly, but positive terms, to Japan.

Mr. H. L. Stimson has instructed Mr. W. Cameron Forbes, the American Ambassador in Tokyo, to emphasise to the Japanese Foreign Office the solicitude of the United States Government that the obligations of the Nine-Power and the Kellogg-Briand Treaties should be respected.

Mr. Stimson and Senate.

Following the motion in Congress, Mr. Stimson has announced that he is ready to table the Government's correspondence regarding the Manchurian crisis, with the exception of certain documents which he could not publish.

He is willing, however, to show these latter to individual Senators confidentially.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Dr. Sze Still Unwell.

London, Dec. 18. Dr. Alfred Sze, Chinese Ambassador in London, has returned from Paris. He is still suffering from the results of his illness and has gone to the country for a few days to recuperate.—*Reuter's*

BRITISH CABINET IN HARMONY.

PREMIER ON FISCAL POLICY.

London, Dec. 18. The Prime Minister arrived at Lossiemouth for the Christmas holidays to-day.

In an interview discussing the Government's policy, he said that fair play and no favour was what everyone wanted in international trade relations.

But encompassed by foreign subsidies, bounties, and the competition of low social standards, the time had come when the position must be reconsidered. Britain was faced with the problem of self-protection.

In considering these important questions, he added, Cabinet harmony had been complete.—*British Wireless*.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

OPTION DEALING NOW PERMITTED.

London, Dec. 18. When a return to fortnightly accounts on the London Stock Exchange was recently announced, it was decided not to reinstate the facilities for carrying over or for entering into option bargains. A further step towards normal conditions was marked to-day when the Committee announced that option dealing would be resumed on Monday.—*British Wireless*.

U.S. RAILWAY PAY CUT THREAT.

FIFTEEN PER CENT. REDUCTION.

New York, Dec. 18. Over one hundred Presidents and executive officials of Class I railways to-day agreed to serve thirty days' notice on the Unions of their intention to cut all rail-way wages by fifteen per cent.

The decision follows the refusal of the railwaymen to accept an immediate voluntary cut.—*Reuter's*

ENGLAND IN A FOG BLANKET.

Steamers Collide in Thames.

SERIES OF MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

London, Dec. 18. A heavy fog enveloped practically the whole of England today, land, sea and air communications being greatly hampered.

Railway services were curtailed and road transport was slowed down.

Road surfaces were rendered treacherous by a sharp frost and several accidents occurred owing to skidding in the banks of fog.

Eighteen cars and two lorries were involved in a series of crashes on the Watford by-pass road, near London, but few of the occupants were seriously injured, only two requiring hospital treatment.

The Dunkirk to Tilbury steamer, Flaman, which was lying at anchor, was held above the water line in a collision off Gravesend with the Ellerman liner City of Manila. There were no casualties as a result of the mishap. Flying to and from Croydon was rendered impossible.—*British Wireless*.

RUBBER OUTPUT RESTRICTION.

PROMISING HAGUE NEGOTIATIONS.

London, Dec. 19. The *Financial Times* learns from The Hague that a high official of the British Colonial Office and a few leading British rubber growers are at present at the Hague with the object of continuing the negotiations started in London for the restriction of rubber output.

The negotiations are said to be progressing favourably and an agreement may possibly be reached very shortly. The restriction of output, it is thought, may be fixed at between forty and fifty per cent.—*Reuter's American Service*.

PRINCE RECEIVES ADVENTURERS.

HINKLER, WATKINS & COURTAULD

London, Dec. 18. Bert Hinkler the Australian aviator who recently flew the South Atlantic in a light aeroplane, was to-day received by the Prince of Wales to whom he related his experiences on his record-making flight. The Prince of Wales also received Mr. S. Watkins and Mr. Augustine Courtauld the Arctic explorers. Messrs. Courtauld and Watkins took with them to York House a number of charts and photographs, in which the Prince displayed keen interest.—*British Wireless*.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

MUTINOUS CREW SENTENCED.

ATTACK ON GERMAN CONSUL.

Berlin, Dec. 18. As a sequel to the recent mutinies of the crews of German vessels in Russian ports, an Emergency Court sitting at Emden to-day sentenced the three alleged ring-leaders of the mutiny at Odessa in October to terms of penal servitude ranging from thirteen months to two years.

The failure is attributed to a lack of fresh orders and to losses abroad owing to the depreciation of currency. The firm's reliance on foreign trade is illustrated by the fact that eighty per cent. of its manufacturers were for export.

The firm has been established for over eighty years.

It was also learned to-day that the well-known Thyssen Iron Foundry at Hamm-Westphalia is closing down from December 20 to January 4 owing to lack of orders.—*Reuter's*



CHALLENGE TO M. LAVAL.

STEERS CLEAR OF DANGER.

"DOLE" SCHEME.

Paris, Dec. 18. The Laval Government emerged unscathed from a critical debate on measures for dealing with the French unemployment problem, after an initial defeat on a question of procedure.

The voting against the Government, 290 to 281, was on a motion to give priority to a Socialist proposal to introduce unemployment insurance on lines similar to the scheme operating in Great Britain, and to reduce working hours.

The sitting was suspended temporarily while the Cabinet discussed the position arising from the defeat.

Too Costly.

When the Chamber reassembled, the Premier, M. Laval, announced that the Government had decided to reject the Socialist proposal on the ground that unemployment insurance was too costly, while the reduction of working hours would give Britain and other countries, with longer working hours, a competitive advantage over France.

He announced that a vote on the proposal would be made in a question of confidence.

Ministerial Triumph.

A debate on the scheme ensued, after which the proposal was defeated by 316 votes to 267.

A subsequent vote of confidence in the government, moved in the Chamber, was adopted by 325 votes to 154.—*Reuter's*

DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

GERMAN DELEGATION ANNOUNCED.

Berlin, Dec. 18. It is officially announced that Lieut. General Groener, the Minister of Defence, will attend the first sittings of the Disarmament Conference in February.

Dr. Bruening, the Chancellor, will head a delegation comprising Dr. Von Buelow, State Secretary at the Foreign Office, Dr. Nadolny, German Ambassador in Ankara, and Dr. Weizsaecker, German Ambassador in Madrid.

Dr. Nadolny will preside over the delegation when Dr. Bruening and Dr. von Buelow return to Berlin.—*Reuter's*

GERMAN TRADE SETBACK.

SEQUELS TO LACK OF ORDERS.

Berlin, Dec. 18. It is explained that the failure of the famous engineering firm, Borsig, only affects the works in Berlin, not the main concern which has factories and mines in Upper Silesia.

Over four thousand workmen will be thrown out of employment, though it is hoped to keep them active until February completing the orders that are in hand.

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THRILLING GAME EXPECTED AT FANLING.

The final of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club championship will be played to-morrow at Fanling, when O.E.C. Marton meets I.W. Shewan. The match begins at 9.30 a.m. and the second 18 holes will be started at 1 o'clock.

At 12.50, the new captain (Mr. L. G. S. Dodwell) will "play himself in" by driving ball from the first tee. This is always an attractive little ceremony, as something like 200 caddies, endeavour to retrieve the ball, the successful contestant receiving a monetary reward from the captain.

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TOPSY-TURVEY EXCHANGES.

SILVER AND THE POUND DOWN.

THE DOLLAR UP.

The silver and exchange markets are all topsy-turvy this morning. The cross-rate has declined, silver is down, whilst the Hongkong dollar is up!

In London, silver fell 1/16th spot and a farthing forward. China was a small seller, while America bought spot and sold forward. The market was uncertain on opening, but after the official fixing it became firm, America buying.

Silver is down 3/4% in New York, on an erratic market. Futures are also down.

The Shanghai rate is about 2s. 0.1/8d. uncertain.

The Hongkong dollar is up 1/8th, the demand rate being 1s. 5.9/16d. The nominal rate is about 1s. 6d., but the market is in a very confused state.

MRS. L. H. V. BOOTH ROBBED.

THIEF STEALS ROPE OF PEARLS.

Mrs. L. H. V. Booth, the wife of the Director of Criminal Intelligence, appeared at the Central Police Court this morning in a case heard before Mr. Williams in which a Chinese was charged with the theft of a travelling clock and a string of pearls.

Mr. Booth, who prosecuted, said that at about 2.30 p.m. yesterday, his baby amah had reason to go upstairs, she having heard a noise in the bedroom, at his residence at 11, Leighton Hill. She saw a man, the defendant, bending over Mrs. Booth's dressing table, and he was in the process of opening the drawers when the amah came upon him and asked what he was doing. He said nothing, and realising then that he was in intruder, the amah raised an alarm by shouting over to the houseboy who was using a telephone on the ground floor. As she went downstairs, the defendant followed her, but he was intercepted at the bottom of the staircase by the boy. The travelling clock and string of pearls, the subjects of the charge, were found on the man. He was taken to the servants' quarters and there locked up in a room by the "boy," who then telephoned for the police.

Mr. L. H. V. Booth, A.S.P., asked for 48 hours formal remand in order to conduct an identification parade in respect to other larcenies committed on the Peak. The Magistrate accordingly remanded accused for this purpose.

POLLING DAY IN AUSTRALIA.

ALL PARTY LEADERS OPTIMISTIC.

Canberra, Dec. 18. Polling in the general elections opens to-morrow (Saturday) at the conclusion of a fortnight's bitter campaign, the shortest on record.

All the party leaders are optimistic, but it is not thought likely that any party will sweep the polls.

The elections are the sequel to the defeat of the Commonwealth Government on a demand for the appointment of a select committee to enquire into an allegation that Mr. Theodore had shown political bias in his distribution of the unemployment relief grant.

"Only four unopposed candidates have been nominated, and 225 others are to fight for 68 seats. A feature of the campaign in New South Wales is the opposition of Scullin Labourites to Lang Laborites.—*Reuter's*

Bulls and Inners.

From the Office Butts.

"I'm damned," as the Aberdeen Valley said.

These animal hunts in the New Territories may be all right, but there are still plenty of wild boars to be found in Clubs much nearer home.

It is stated that Christmas greetings between the Hongkong Football League and the Chinese circular in shape, procurable almost anywhere for about 1s. 6d.

Headings we may yet see in local papers:—"Hiking a writer," women are, of course, included." Naturally; man embraces woman.

We live in stirring times. Christmas puddings are now being made.

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Too Costly.

We understand that since the Y.M.C.A. voted for the abolition of

tyrannical conventions, Kowloon's lady bachelors have been making

insistent demands for membership!

Artistic diaries are in favour as Christmas gifts. Yule logs.

We suppose mistletoe must now sing:—"Yes, we always look forward to the winter!"

The nudist's most infamous saying added to overhead charges.

We understand that since the work of the old masters will live. In other words, those with a past will have a future.

Careful dieting will induce good looks, says a lady writer.

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GANGSTER SHOT DEAD.**JACK DIAMOND'S CAREER AT AN END.**

Albany, Dec. 18. The gangster leader Jack Diamond has been shot dead. It was after a party to celebrate his acquittal on a charge of kidnapping lorry driver, that the notorious gangster was shot dead by two unidentified gangsters, who burst into Diamond's room, not far from the Capitol, and sent three bullets straight through his brain.

Wife Detained.

Later. His violent death at the hands of rival gangsters, has justified the fears felt by Diamond which gave the gangster an anxious time, and sent him to Europe last year in an unsuccessful quest for sanctuary.

The murder occurred in a boarding house whose proprietress, Mrs. Wood, has been detained. She asserts that the Diamond festivities proceeded all night long, being interrupted in the early morning by a crash of shots. The guests scampered off, and Diamond was subsequently discovered dead.

The police have also detained Mrs. Diamond, who smoked cigarettes continually throughout her examination, moaning "I didn't do it."—Reuter's American Service.

The Acquittal.

Troy, New York, Dec. 18. Jack Diamond, the gangster known as "Legs" Diamond, has been acquitted here on a charge of kidnapping and torturing a lorry driver named Grover Parks in April.

Diamond now has a record of 25 arrests and only two convictions.—Reuter's American Service.

EXIT STUDENTS.**AN IGNOMINOUS END TO AGITATION.**

Nanking, Dec. 18. Between 6,000 and 7,000 students from Shanghai, Peking and other cities were surprised at 10 o'clock this morning by thousands of troops, who rounded them up and escorted them to trains with steam up ready to start for Shanghai and Peking.

By 10 a.m. all the students were homeward bound.

They had been quartered in the compound of the Central University, and when surrounded appeared submissive, probably owing to the grim, business-like attitude of the troops.—Reuter.

GIALDINI'S APPEAL.**RESULTS IN REDUCTION OF HIS SENTENCE.**

Milan, Dec. 18. The Appeal Court has reduced Gialdini's sentence from 5 years and 10 months to 3 years, 2 months and 26 days.—Reuter.

Gialdini, the Italian associate of Hatry, charged with offences similar to those which resulted in a sentence of fourteen years' penal servitude on Clarence Hatry, was found guilty last June after a trial lasting six days, and sentenced to imprisonment for five years and ten months and a fine of 10,000 lire.]

PERSIAN EXECUTION.**JEWISH EX-MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SHOT.**

Teheran, Dec. 18. A Jewish ex-member of the Persian Parliament and high officer, who was found guilty of high treason, has been shot.

Several others convicted of being accomplices have been sentenced to periods of imprisonment ranging from six years to ten years.—Reuter's Special Service.

JAPANESE ORDER COUNTERMANDED.**TOKYO RAISES BAN ON TROOPS ADVANCE.**

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

While official circles continue to express the hope that Chang Hauch-ling will withdraw the Chinchow garrison and forestall the possibility of a head-on collision, it is learned authoritatively that the orders to the Japanese troops not to advance westward of the Liao River, which were issued after the operations of November 27, have been countermanded.—Reuter.

League Perturbed.

Paris, Dec. 18.

Anxiety has been caused here by the Tokyo report of the countermanding of orders prohibiting Japanese troops advancing westward of the Liao.

League officials point out that neutral observers are still in the district, and their report is necessary before the League is able to estimate the menace caused by the "lawless elements" mentioned by Mr. Yoshizawa at the concluding Council meeting. Mr. Yoshizawa will probably be leaving on December 28 or 29 for Tokyo to take up his new post, travelling across Siberia.

Japanese circles observe that the countermanding order should not be regarded as a serious development, and hope that Chang Hauch-ling will withdraw his troops, thus averting a possible clash.—Reuter.

American Interest.

Washington, Dec. 18. The Senate has passed a resolution requesting Mr. Stimson to table all Governmental notes exchanged on the Manchurian outbreak.—Reuter's Special Service.

CANON STREETER'S ADDRESS.**SCIENCE'S GREAT NEED OF RELIGION.**

In a masterly address, delivered in the Cathedral Hall yesterday, Canon B. H. Streeter, D.D., explained the relationship of science to religion, when he took for his subject "The bearing on Religion of Recent Scientific Thought."

In the course of his speech he referred to the appeal to the imagination as the strong point of materialism, but added that to-day it was recognised that materialism did not explain matter.

In his ultimate conclusions, Canon Streeter spoke of the danger of superstition to religion and said that humanity, in an age of science, had an even greater need of religion, as science had immense powers which could be used for the destruction of civilisation as well as for its enrichment.

Dean Swann, who took the chair, at the conclusion of the address expressed to Canon Streeter the gratitude and appreciation of the audience. Among these present were the Bishop of Victoria, Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, Mr. G. R. Sayer and many others.

London, Dec. 18.

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REBUFF FOR GERMANY.**BRITAIN DECLINES TO DISCUSS NEW MEASURES.**

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OBITUARY.**DEATH OF MRS. R. T. MATHESON.**

Much regret will be expressed by a wide circle at the death of Mrs. Lilian Matheson, widow of the late Mr. R. T. Matheson. Mrs. Matheson had been ill only a few days, suffering from a severe bout of malaria, but complications set in and she passed away at the Matilda Hospital at 11 o'clock last night. Mrs. Matheson lost her husband, who was a well-known broker in Hongkong, some years ago, and started the boarding house known as "Huntington," in Stubbs Road, moving recently to a place a little nearer town on the same road.

It is understood that the deceased lady, who had been many years in the Colony and at Canton, was an Australian. She had a wide circle of friends, and their deep sympathy will go out to the only daughter, Miss Matheson, in her bereavement. It is particularly noted that Miss Matheson is herself suffering from malaria and an inmate of the Matilda Hospital, and is believed to be seriously ill.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Matheson is to take place this afternoon, passing the Monument about 6 o'clock.

CHILD WELFARE.**REPORT OF LOCAL SOCIETY.**

The second annual report of the activities of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children states that 33 cases were dealt with during the period between November 16, 1930 and October 31 last. In these cases the welfare of 562 children was affected.

The most outstanding fact gleaned from the year's experience is the extreme poverty in which many of the community are living, says the report, a poverty for which there is no organised relief.

Speaking of begging children, the report says that these are not always the children of the very poor: many of the children of people earning decent wages turn to begging.

The most effective means of putting a stop to the practice, adds the report, would be for all to refrain from giving anything to these children.

NEW YEAR MAIRS.**KINGSFORD SMITH FOR AUSTRALIA.**

London, Dec. 18. Air Commodore Kingsford Smith, who reached London on Wednesday with the Christmas mails from Australia, will leave on his return journey in the same machine on Tuesday, with mails which will be distributed in Australia during the first days of the New Year.

An experimental air ferry between Bristol and Cardiff will be started next month, with Avro X monoplanes.—British Wireless.

HINT FOR HONGKONG?**UNDERGROUND GARAGES CONSIDERED.**

London, Dec. 18. The City of London Corporation are considering a scheme for providing underground garage accommodation in the city to relieve traffic congestion.—British Wireless.

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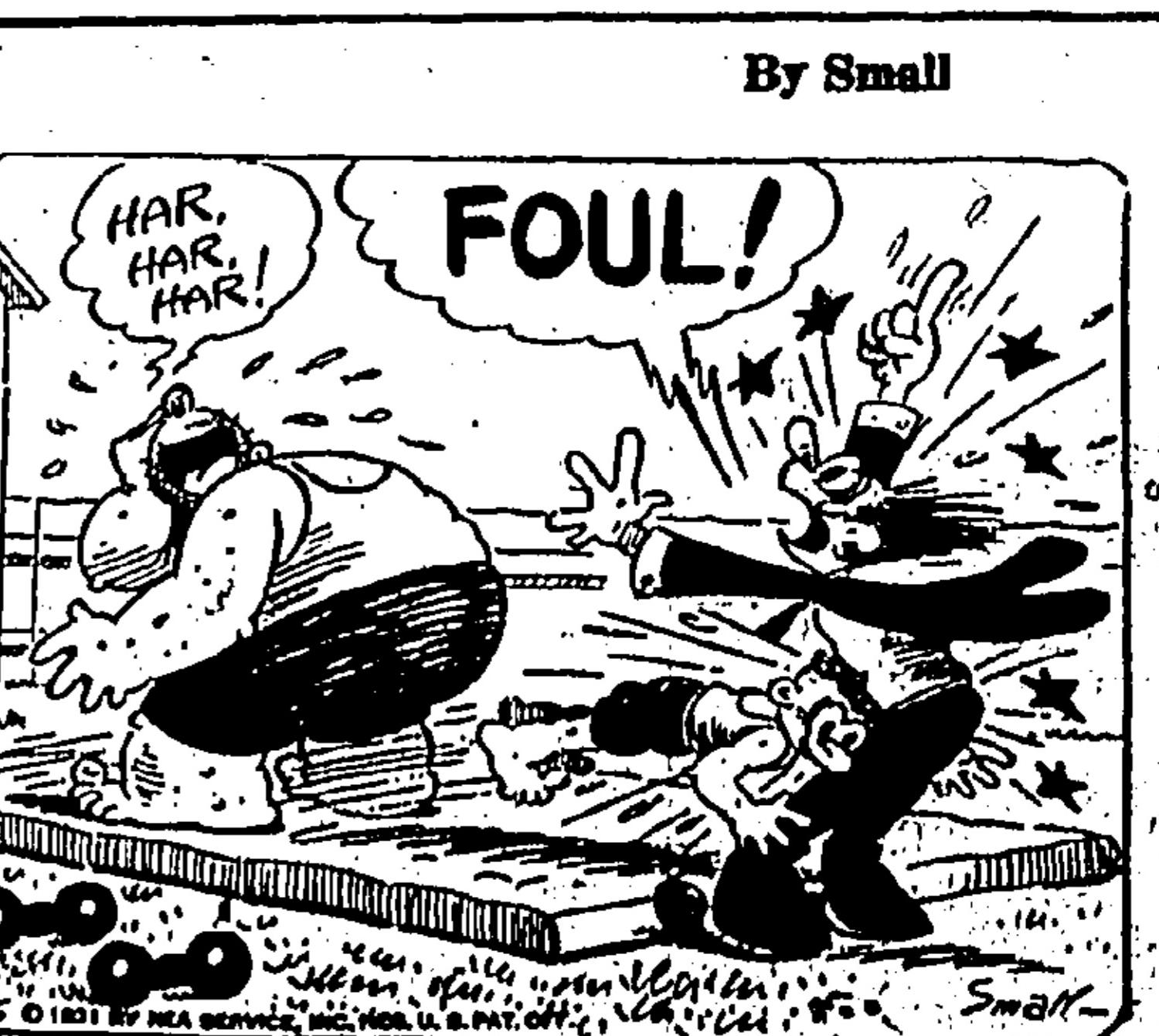
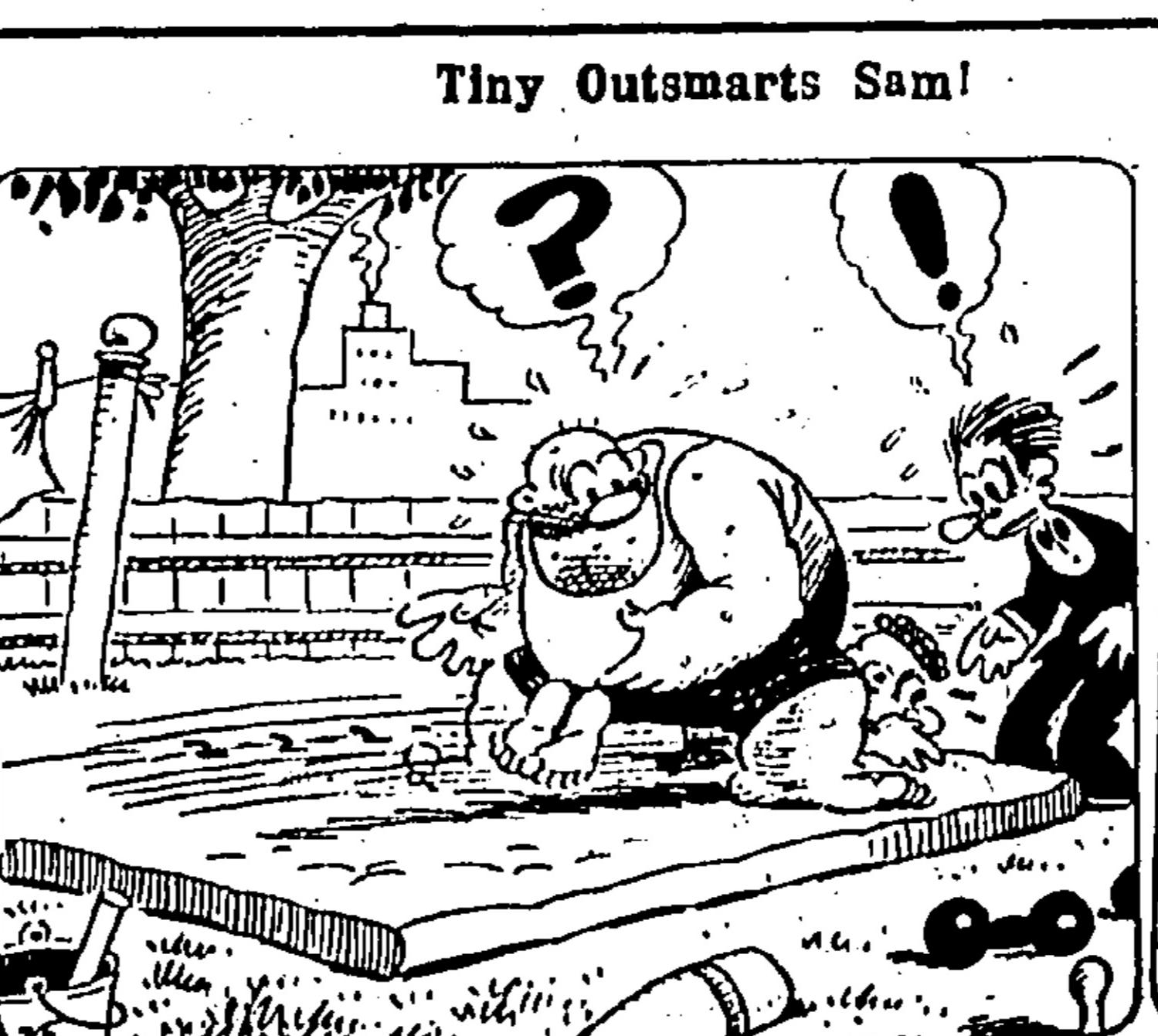
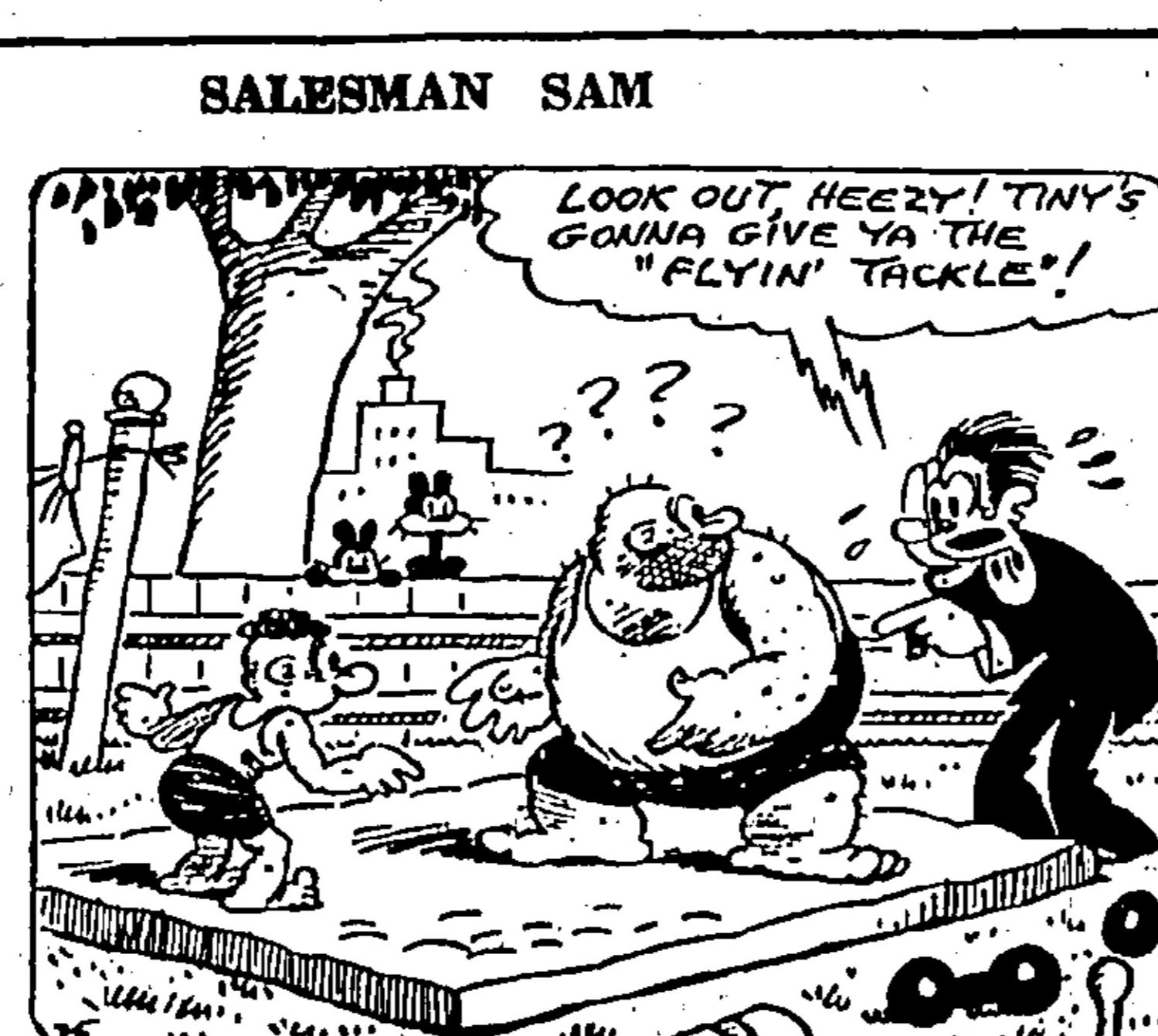


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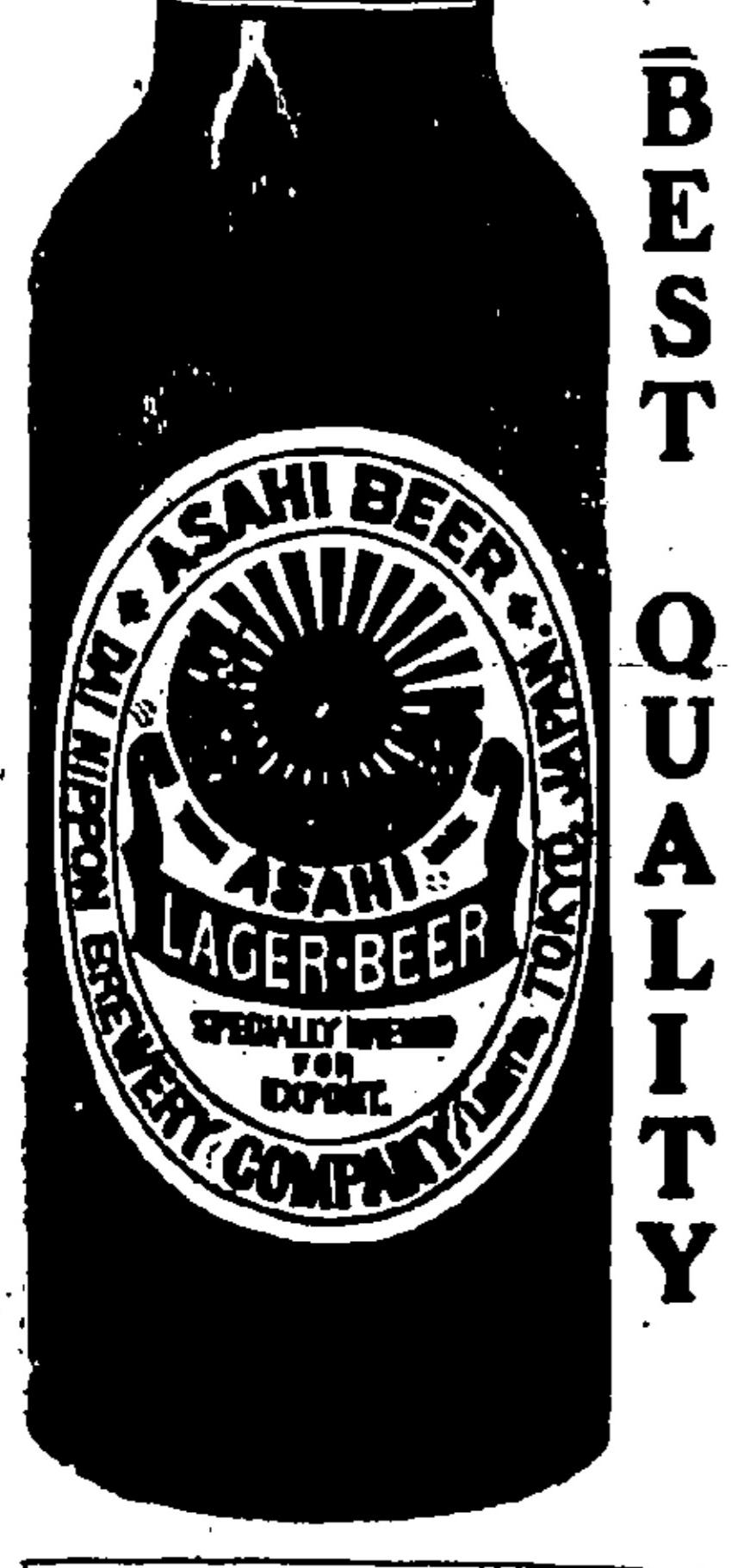
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BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.
Rich old Miss Jupiter is robbed and murdered during an engagement party she is giving for her secretary, Mary Harkness. Mary's scapegrace brother, Eddie, is suspected to have been in the house at the murder-hour.

Dirk Rutherford, blue-blooded young lawyer, Mary's fiance, advises her to keep silent about having known him to meet Eddie secretly, until he can locate the boy. Eddie has disappeared.

Mary prevents a maid, Jessie, from telling Bowen, police reporter for the Star, about Eddie's supposed visit. Dirk telephones that he has found Eddie and will bring him to him that afternoon. Dirk overreaches and Bowen drives Mary to the rendezvous. Eddie is run down by a car as he crosses the street, is met by Mary, unconscious in the hospital, he mutters about a fly.

CHAPTER IX

Eddie did not recover consciousness sufficiently to tell his version of the story before he died. There were hours of suspense, for he was young and dying did not come easily to him, even with a fractured skull. But he was weak—he hadn't eaten much for days, according to the examining doctor, who was also puzzled by the presence of dark bruises on his body. But in the absence of any other information he attributed these to his fall.

Sometimes he moved restlessly and babbled. "Maybe he's trying to tell us something," Mary suggested. But the others did not believe it; they were pityingly silent.

Bowen drew Dirk aside out of Mary's hearing and let his wrath explode. Dirk blamed himself miserably for his failure to reach the rendezvous at the appointed time, and what the reporter had to tell him did not make him any happier.

"I tell you I saw it! It was murder—pure murder! Two feet further over, and they'd have got me, too. By God, to get that guy I'd turn this town upside down!"

"Get away!"

"Clean. I tell you it was all carefully calculated to the minute. Whoever it was took a big chance, swinging around under those L pillars. Just as he turned the corner he flooded the carburetor and the number-plate was hidden by smoke."

"But why should anyone want to kill the boy?"

Bowen shrugged. "I've got an idea he knew something about this Jupiter killing."

Rutherford looked at him sharply. "Ah, the kid didn't do it, I don't mean that," the reporter answered. "I'll bet my hat this was a professional job. Somebody did the Jupiter job and hung it on Eddie. And when he went to tell, they got him. That's how I figure it."

"Perhaps you're right," Dirk rejoined stiffly. He did not want to talk to Bowen, but one thing bothered him. "What time was it when you and Miss Harkness reached the corner? Did you notice?"

"Four-ten. I looked at my watch before I hunted a telephone to call the office."

Dirk turned away, savage and Edie might have been living yet. He was convinced the thing was an accident. Newspapernmen lived with sensation until they saw it where it did not exist. If he had been disposed to think that someone had wished Eddie's death, the antagonism he felt for the other man made him veer to the opposite view.

He could not have explained the stiffness that came into his manner when talking to the newscaperman but it was strongly rooted and came from two causes. An aversion to publicity was bred in the conservative bones of the Rutherford clan. And there was something more, something about the way the absurd fellow's gaze followed Mary that stirred all that was proprietary in Dirk's love. There is a mysterious telegraph by which men in love with the same woman recognize each other. Ridiculous as the idea was, Dirk felt constrained.

Bowen pursued his questioning, too absorbed in speculation to notice the other's stiffness. Already a plan was forming in his mind, and if he found enough confirmation of his suspicions, well—he might be on the trail of a bigger story than he had thought.

"How did you get in touch with Harkness, by the way—do you mind telling me?" he asked thoughtfully. "I confess he had me thinking him guilty—until I saw this. Too plain to miss."

"Why," said Dirk, hesitating, "he called me up this morning. He really said very little. Said he had tried to reach Mary but the line was busy and he couldn't wait. So he called me instead. I said, 'Where are you?' and he said 'Tell me when I see you.' Then he told me to bring Mary and meet him at the corner you took her to at 4 o'clock sharp. If I'd been there on time! But—" he gulped down the fact of his mother's responsibility for the tragedy—"but I was detained."

"How did he seem? Frightened? Hurried? Anything queer about it, I mean?"

"We—all," Dirk considered, disliking the reversal of roles in which he found himself. He was usually the interrogator himself. On the other hand, he knew that a refractory witness does himself no good, so he answered courteously enough.

"I got the impression he didn't

want to be overheard, perhaps, I couldn't say there was anything more than that in his manner. Nothing very damning in that, I should say. Quite natural under less peculiar circumstances than these. I was just about to ask him for an explanation when he seemed to become hurried suddenly. He said 'I can't talk now,' and added what sounded like 'the fly's buzzing around'—and hung up. Sounded rather silly. I wonder what he meant?" He broke off suddenly, remembering that he was talking to a reporter. "Some kid stuff, probably. Very likely meant nothing at all."

Bowen masked the interest his information had for him. "Oh, very likely. Funny, though—he's been talking about a fly in there."

He nodded toward the door of the hospital room. "Mmm. Well, I'll be getting along. I'll fix it with the hospital to call me if he dies. Kane's coming over, I expect?"

Dirk nodded reluctantly. "He's on his way. Wants to talk to the kid if there's any chance at all."

The door of the boy's room opened a crack, and a murmur beckoned. "Mr. Rutherford? Please!" Dirk pushed hurriedly inside, where there was the sound of hushed sobbing. The nurse closed the door, shutting herself and Bowen out.

"He's gone," she said. Bowen said, "Where's the nearest phone?" and bolted.

In the weeks that followed Eddie's death the one thing happened that Mary had never dreamed could happen. That was that nothing happened at all. The days went by as usual and there was no news of the sort she wanted to hear. Day after day her hopes rose, only to crumble again. The big black car had got away clean; no one but Bowen and herself apparently witnessed that lightning swerve that had killed as neatly and deliberately as a bullet, and the speeding car had swung around the corner before anyone thought to look at the number. In no time at all it had turned into Fifth Avenue, apparently, and in the late Saturday afternoon crush of traffic been effectively concealed.

At first Mary was incredulous. It wasn't right or possible that such a thing could be. Complete immunity for such cold-blooded murderer upset all her ideas of justice and led her to think not quite kindly of a Providence that let such things be.

The private investigators hired by Mr. Jupiter to study his wife's murder—they were the two men who had been hired to protect her and had failed so disastrously—were joined by two of their conferees. But the search led nowhere. There were numerous Lorimors in town, even a few aluminum-fitted "special jobs," but they were all in the possession of well-to-do citizens with the most unassassable reputations. The car that had dealt the death blow had vanished off the face of the earth. Probably, they reckoned, locked in a private garage somewhere, where it would remain until the affair should have been forgotten, whence it would emerge repainted. And unless there was a tip-off, might go undetected altogether. If it had been a "hot" car (that is, stolen), it would have been found deserted. The fact that it was privately owned added to the strength of the rapidly growing theory—that that the first flush of indignation had passed—that Eddie's death was an accident, and not, as George Bowen of the *Star*, alone among the metropolitan news-writers, insisted, caused by a "murder car."

At last even Bowen bowed to the strength of opposite opinion, apparently, for he stopped chiding the police department for its imbecility, and even stopped writing any more about the case. None was happier at his sudden silence than Inspector James Kane.

Mary had fed her starving hopes on his persistently optimistic stories. When they stopped, she felt alone as the champion of a lost cause. Mr. Jupiter was preoccupied, living withdrawn from all contacts except his daily consultation with the private detective.

Dirk was kindness itself; there was something so gently protective, almost paternal, in his attitude toward her nowadays that she was deeply touched by every new manifestation of his tenderness. But he was trying a case in court and had no time to give to a personal investigation. He was loath to talk about the subject, even. His whole intention during their brief hours together seemed to be to draw her mind away from past grief. He wanted to abandon their plans for a formal wedding, and be married at once.

But Mary shook her head. "Wait," she counselled. "You don't want a weeping bride. And I can't forget—Eddie—just yet."

He had to be content. He was no more successful in inducing her to leave what Bowen's somewhat surly newspaper persisted in calling "The Murder Mansion," and come to stay at his mother's house until the wedding.

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BAN ON MEETINGS.

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT'S DECREE.

Vienna, Dec. 18.—Following the example of the German Government, the Austrian Government has decreed a political truce forbidding public meetings and demonstrations from December 19 to January 7.—*Reuters' Special Service.*

"I've promised Dr. Jordan to stay until Bruce Jupiter comes home," she said.

Presently the daily "conferences" with the detectives stopped, and one day there were no stories in any of the papers relating to the Jupiter murder, except one small routine item, headed "Jupiter Murder Probe Lags, No New Developments Expected, Says Kane."

Mary knifed her brows over this. She resolved to go to see the inspector herself, and ask him what it meant.

Up to this time the newspapermen had given the impression that the murderer was just about to be caught. "Solution of Jupiter Murder Mystery Near," said the headlines, and "Kane Promises Quick Justice for Killer of Multi-Millionaire's Wife." This sudden change of attitude amazed her.

Kane greeted her as usual. He was walking up and down, looking out the window, now and then pausing to look at her expectantly. That air of his puzzled her; it had from the beginning. He sat down opposite with an air of "Well, what have you to tell me?"

She showed him the newspaper article.

"Oh, sure," he said. "We never had a chance from the beginning. Nothing much we can do but wait."

"But you kept telling the newspapers that you were about to find the murderer!" she reproached him. Disappointment made her bold. "Why did you say that, if you didn't think so?"

Kane struck the newspaper contemptuously with the back of his hand.

"Oh, you've got to give 'em something to chew on," he said. "Far as I'm concerned, the case is closed. We don't know the whole story, but we know—enough."

(To be continued)

JAPAN'S TRADE SLUMP.

STRIKING HONGKONG FIGURES.

The decline of imports from Japan and the effect of the appreciation of sterling value in Hongkong currency are important points noted in the November statistical report, issued from the Imports and Exports Office yesterday.

Sterling imports and exports are the highest recorded since the Statistical Office was opened in April, 1930, while the slump in Japanese trade resulted in a fall from more than \$7,000,000, to less than two millions.

On account of the appreciation in

the sterling value of Hongkong currency the values of both imports and exports of merchandise during November exceeded the highest sterling totals since the compilation of trade statistics was resumed by Government in October, 1930.

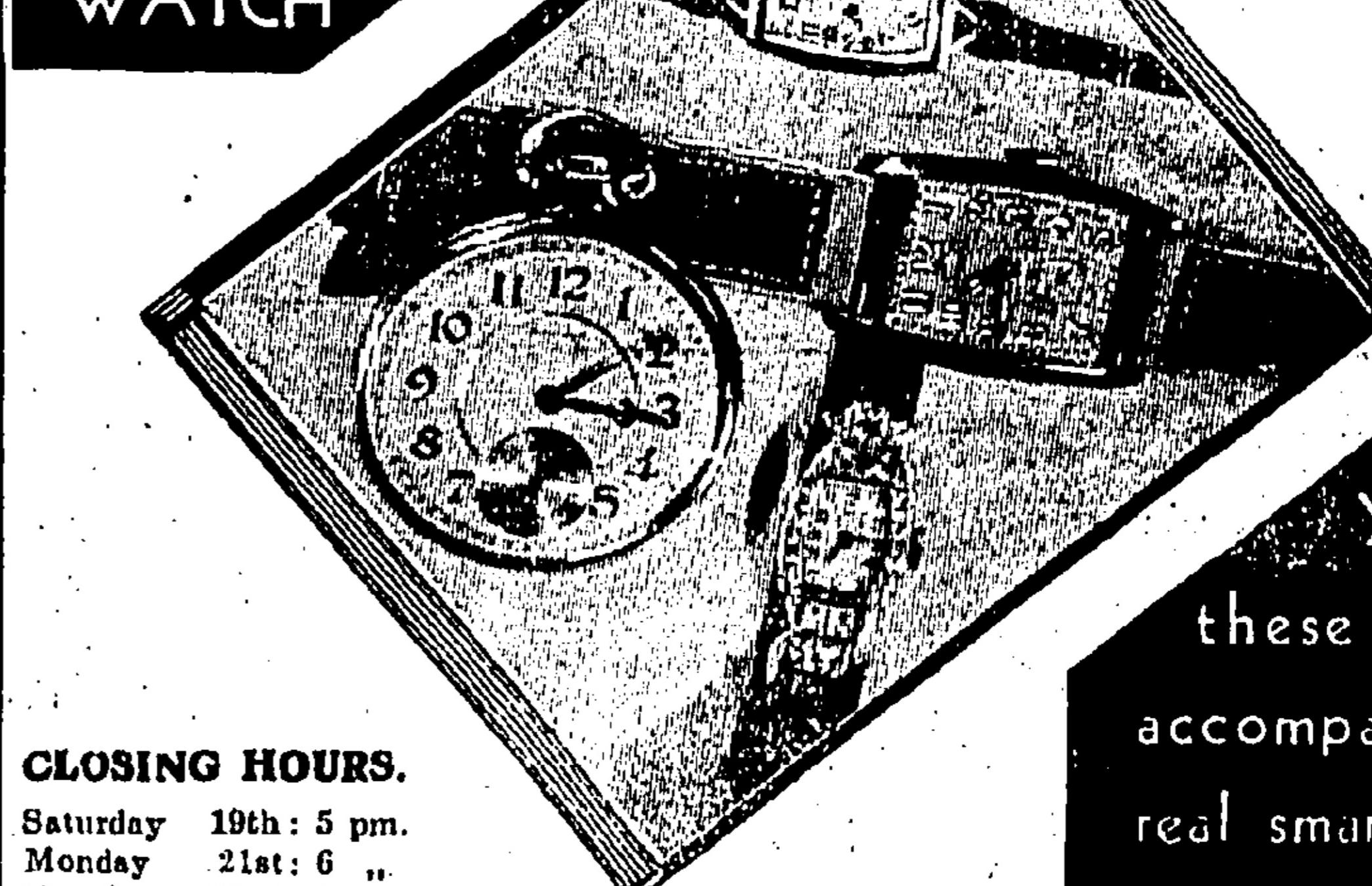
The statistical Branch of the Imports and Exports Department reports that imports were declared to a total value of \$4.1 million as compared with \$7.6 million in November, 1930, while Exports totalled £3 million, as against £2.7 million.

In terms of Hongkong currency Imports totalled \$601.2 millions, an increase of \$62.2 millions as compared with November 1930, and Exports \$45.2 millions, an increase of \$3.2 millions.

Imports, Nov. 1931. Nov. 1930. Total. Merchandise \$60,203,576 \$55,110,372 \$6,093,642. Treasure \$1,438,066 \$1,232,455 \$165,612. Total \$61,699,642 \$56,342,827

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SITUATIONS

YOUNG LADY (English) at present confidential stenographer to leading London wholesale firm, is desirous of securing an appointment in Hongkong. Credentials and any other information will gladly be sent to any interested firm. Particulars also furnished by local resident on application to Box No. 890, "Hongkong Telegraph."

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These Greyhounds will be sold to members at \$300 each and are eligible for racing at the Club's "Green Island" Track, Macau.

Members wishing to participate are invited to send in their Names, accompanied with a deposit of \$300 in respect of each dog applied for, as soon as possible.

Names will be booked in the order as received.

Those wishing to participate in the above drawing and are non-members are cordially invited to apply for membership, also at the same address or at the office of the Company, Chung Tin Building, Hongkong.

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THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918) LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the supply of electricity to Tsuen Wan district will be suspended between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday, 20th December.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with Rule of Racing No. 83, the China Pony Subscription Griffin No. 183, due 14 hands, will be sold by auction at the Jockey Club Stables, Causeway Bay on Thursday, 24th December, 1931, at 5.15 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE HONG KONG.

Members are requested to send in as soon as possible their applications for tickets for the Ball, to be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday, 6th January, 1932.

Englishmen wishing to join the Society may obtain particulars from the under-signed.

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THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB ANNUAL RACE MEETING

1932
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and

FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING

1932
(5th March).

Draft programmes are now ready and may be obtained at the Secretary's office, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hongkong Club, the Sports Club and the Stables, Causeway Bay.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1931.

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Four buses of the China Motor Bus Co. will leave the Star Ferry on Sunday, 20th December, 1931. Two at 10.30 a.m. and two at 11 a.m. going direct to Kwintai Race Course, via Castle Peak, and returning soon after the last race.

The Return Fare including entrance to the Race Meeting will be \$3.00.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 21st day of December, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Waterloo Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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CHURCH NOTICES.

To-morrow the Fourth Sunday in Advent.

LOCAL SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, Dec. 20, 1931. Fourth Sunday in Advent.

Holy Communion 8 a.m.; Holy Communion (Peak Church) 8 a.m.; Children's Service 10 a.m.; Ordination Service 11 a.m.; Preacher; The Ven. Archdeacon of Canton.

Evensong 6.30 p.m. Preacher: The Very Rev. The Dean.

Christmas is a time of many activities and happy services at the Cathedral. Part of the preparation this year which is making a wide appeal is the Christmas Play which is to be given on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 22 and 23. Bookings have been so heavy that it has been found necessary to have an extra performance on Wednesday at 7 p.m. All seats will be free for this and no bookings will be taken.

The Christmas Service will begin with Choral Evensong on Christmas Eve at 5.30 p.m.

On Christmas Day the Services will be as follows:

Holy Communion 7 a.m.; Choral Eucharist 8 a.m.; Holy Communion (Peak Church) 8 a.m.; Children's Service 10 a.m.; Matins and Sermon 11 a.m. Preacher: The Bishop of Victoria Hongkong. Holy Communion 12.15 p.m.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

At the Protestant Cemetery Chapel at Happy Valley there will be Evensong and Address tomorrow at 6.15 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. Services for Sunday, 20th December. 4th. Sunday in Advent.

8.15 a.m. Holy Communion.

10 a.m. Young People's Service. Primary Sunday School.

11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon. Preacher: The Vicar.

2.45 p.m. Senior & Intermediate Sunday School.

6 p.m. Evening Prayer & Sermon. Preacher: Rev. A. D. Stewart.

The services on Christmas Day will be as follows:

7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.

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11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon and Holy Communion. Preacher, Rev. C. B. Shann. Collections for Waifs and Strays.

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INTERESTING UNION CHURCH WEDDING.



The bridal party and guests photographed at Union Church on the occasion of the wedding, on Tuesday, of Mr. William Bell and Miss Mary M. Bell, B.Sc. (Photo: Ming Yuan Studio).

LUXURY LINER BURNED OUT.

FATE OF THE ILL-OMINED BERMUDA.

BLACKENED HULK.

London, Nov. 20.

The fire in the 19,000-ton liner Bermuda, at Belfast, which enveloped her completely in flames and defied all-night efforts at subjection, has reduced this luxury ship to a blackened and battered hulk full of twisted girders and other debris. She cost £1,500,000 to build.

Late last night the liner was still burning.

Earlier, members of the Belfast fire brigade, who had been on duty for 20 hours, returned to their stations. Their places were taken by others.

The Bermuda, a steel quadruple screw motor vessel, was built by Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co., Ltd., at Belfast in 1927. She is owned by the Bermuda and West Indies Steamship Co., and is registered at Hamilton, Bermuda. She was designed for trips between New York and Bermuda during times. She made her maiden voyage in 1928.

The Bermuda was seriously damaged by fire at Bermuda in June last and had been taken back to Belfast for repairs which were almost completed when the second outbreak occurred. Nothing of her superstructure now remains, funnels, masts, and bridge having fallen through the blazing decks.

The Court of Inquiry into the first fire at Bermuda, found that two or three fires broke out simultaneously in the ship, but that there was no evidence of incendiarism.

The second outbreak is similarly unexplained.

Wreck Flooded.

The task of opening the sea-cucks, previously attempted by firemen who were driven back by the flames, was safely accomplished yesterday, and the big ship slowly settled on the river bed. The tide was then falling, but the water was sufficiently deep to do its work and all fears of further outbreaks soon disappeared.

The origin of the fire, as in the case of the previous one, is still a mystery, as stated. All went normally till the Thursday night shift began work.

"We were told to stay late to finish a job," one of them, Mr. McClure, said, "and I heard a shout of 'Fire.' It had broken out in the engineers' quarters off the working passage on E deck (one of the lowest of seven decks). We rushed downstairs and opened the door of the room which was in flames.

"My mate gave the alarm and I played an extinguisher on the room. There was a hose in the passage, but we could not get water. When the firemen arrived they could not get at the seat of the fire owing to the smoke, which was terrible."

"The fire travelled from E deck aft, and if the firemen had been able to get at the seat of it, I believe they could have saved the ship, but it was impossible."

Messrs. Workman and Clark's offices and yard was closed yesterday, and the entrance was guarded by police to keep out the people who had gone to see the burning vessel.

Mr. James Beggs, of Lisburn-road, Belfast, who won £100 in the Dublin Sweep yesterday, was employed on the Bermuda, and has been rendered idle with the loss of his kit in result of the fire.

£1,000,000 Loss.

The London Insurance Market,

it is understood, may be called among Lloyd's underwriters and upon to meet losses on the Bermudian marine insurance companies, to the extent of about £1,000,000, but, nevertheless, represents a heavy blow, for underwriters have already been called upon to pay

about £450,000 in respect of the previous fire.

It will be recalled that heavy losses were sustained in connection with the German steamer

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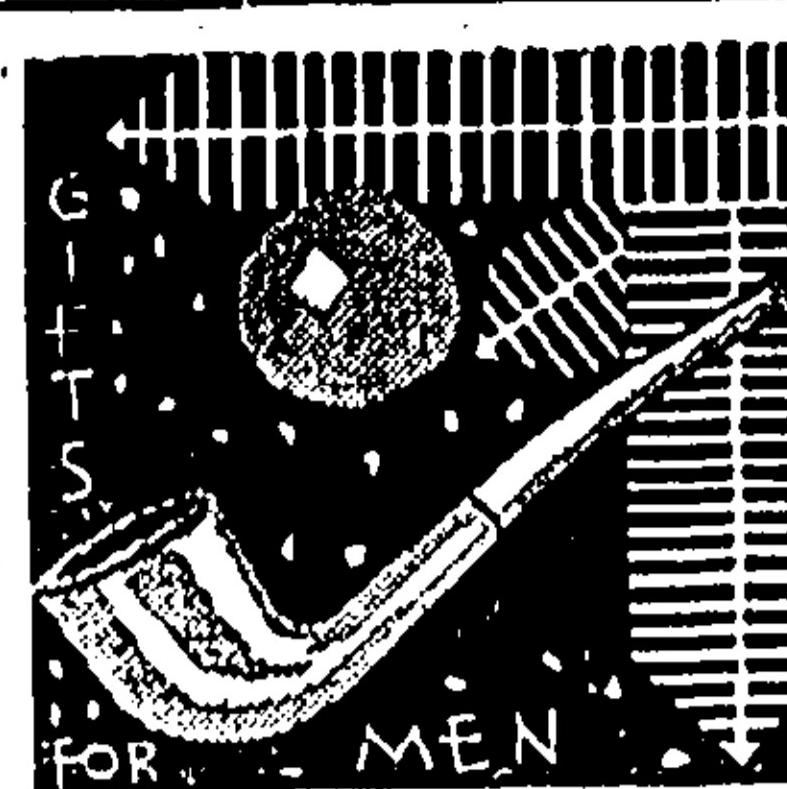
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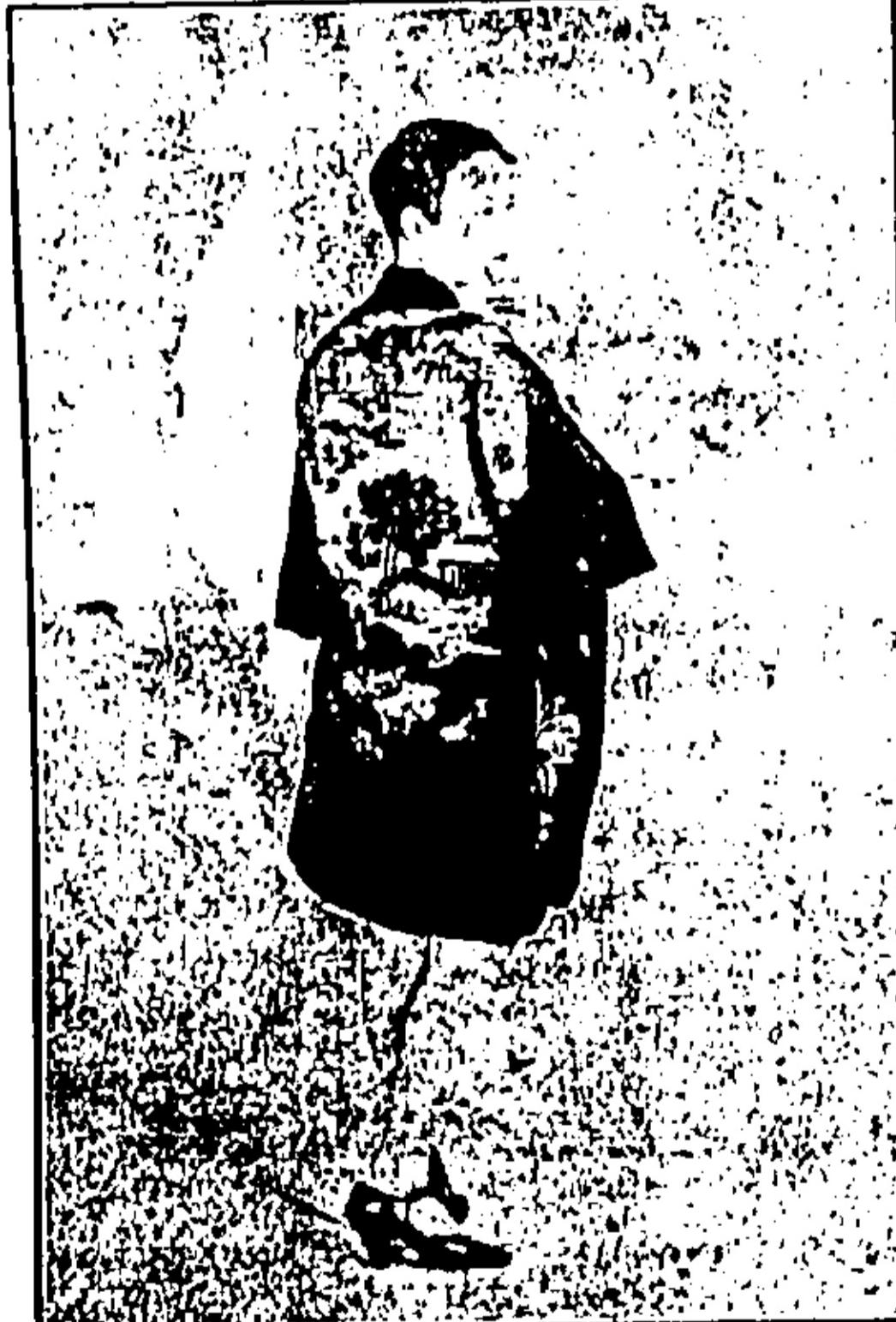


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KING ALFONSO "OUTLAWED."**SPANISH PARLIAMENT'S DECISION.****UNAVAILING APPEAL BY ROMANONES.**

Madrid, Nov. 20.

At 4 a.m. to-day King Alfonso of Spain was sentenced by the Cortes to perpetual banishment; his property is to be confiscated, and he is deprived of all his rights.

The Chamber of Deputies approved by acclamation the indictment and sentence against King Alfonso drawn up by the special Responsibility Committee, which finds his Majesty guilty of high treason, the principal accusation in the long indictment being that King Alfonso engineered the *coup d'état* of September, 1923, which established the military dictatorship under the presidency of General Primo de Rivera.

Count Romanones, forty years in politics, three times President of the Cabinet, a Minister more times than he can remember, a Minister in King Alfonso's first and last cabinets, undertook the courageous task of defending King Alfonso, and made one of the most eloquent speeches of his long career in Spanish politics. It was of little avail. The verdict of guilty was a foregone conclusion in Chamber so constituted.

One of Spain's greatest lawyers demanded the Chamber of the danger of converting itself into a tribunal and advised them that approval of the indictment and sentence might be more harmful to the Chamber than to King Alfonso.

The Sentence.

The outstanding passages of the sentence passed on King Alfonso are as follows:

"The Constituent Cortes declare guilty of high treason he who was King of Spain, who, while exercising the powers of his magistracy against the constitution of the State, committed the most criminal violation of the juridical order of the country; and in consequence the sovereign tribunal of the nation declares solemnly outside the law Don Alfonso the Bourbon-Hapsburg-Lorraine; and any Spanish citizen may apprehend him if he steps on Spanish territory.

"Don Alfonso the Bourbon will be deprived of all dignity, honour and titles which he will not be able to show either inside or outside Spain as the Spanish State declares him deposed without ever being able to reclaim them for himself or for his successors.

"The State will seize his property, stocks and shares and any rights of properties he may have in Spain and the State will decide what use shall be made of them.

"This sentence which the sovereign Constituent Cortes approve after being sanctioned by the Provisional Government of the Republic will be printed and posted up in all the municipalities of Spain and communicated to the diplomatic representatives of all countries and also to the League of Nations."

High Feeling.

Several times during the night feelings ran high, and several deputies who adopted a challenging attitude left the Chamber on the advice of their colleagues, thus avoiding coming to blows inside.

When the Speaker dramatically asked the House if they approved the sentence as drawn up by the special committee, the Chamber responded with a loud "Aye" and then broke into cheers for the Republic.



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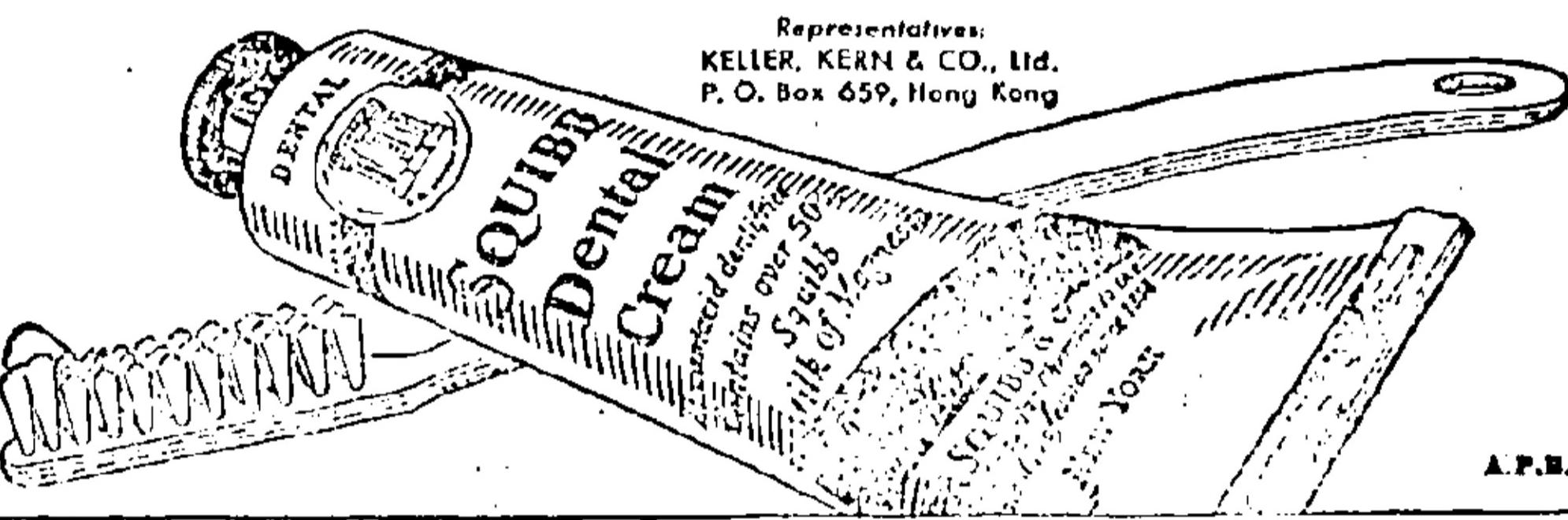
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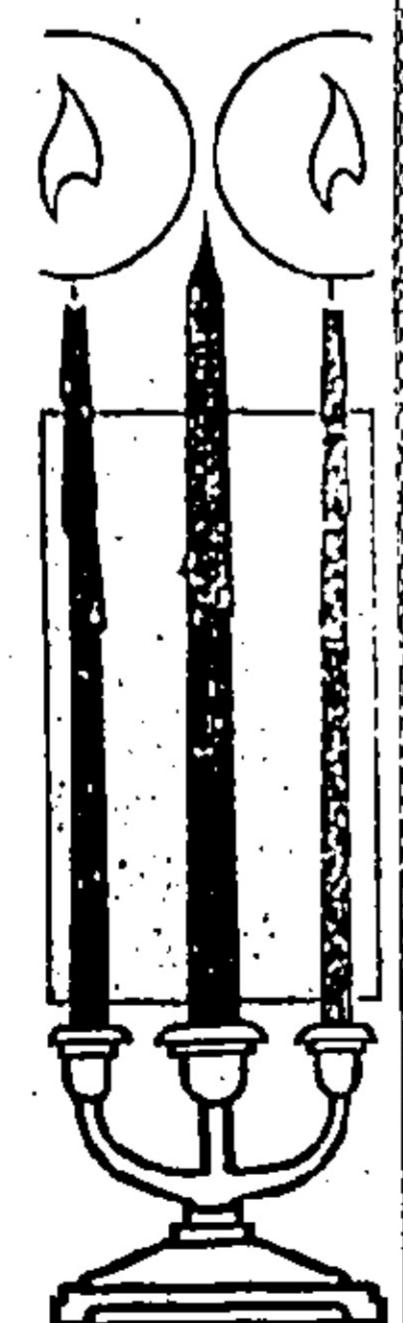
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HANDEL, IN FACT AND FICTION.

BLACKSMITH BORE AND FAMOUS AIR.

"Handel's life was as fully packed with incident as any novel of Dumas," said Sir Henry Hadow in a lecture on Handel at Westfield College, Hampstead, "but," he added, "his career has been embroiled with more mythology than has surrounded any other great artist."

"We are told," Sir Henry continued, "that at a foundling hospital there was a girl whose voice outshone all others, and that Handel is supposed to have patted her on the head and advanced her to fame and fortune. I have no doubt that if she had committed such an outrage he would have patted her head in another way."

The crowning invention is that of the 'Harmonious Blacksmith.' The story is told of how Handel took refuge in a smithy during a shower and the heat on the anvil suggested an air to him. The story is so circumstantial that within the last century the anvil has been sold for a huge sum.

As a matter of fact the melody was not called 'The Harmonious Blacksmith' until one hundred years after it was composed, and it was then so named because a certain blacksmith 'boasted his friends by humming it.'

Saved by a Button.

Reviewing Handel's career, Sir Henry said that he fought a duel as a young man, his life being saved only by a button which turned his opponent's sword. He introduced live birds in his first opera produced in England, and he was three times bankrupt as an opera manager, the first time as a result of the success of the 'Bogdan's Opera' in opposition to his own grand opera.

When the 'Mossinh' was first heard in England it was received with a storm of disapprobation and ran only three nights.

SEVERN BARRAGE SCHEME.

OFFICIAL PRONOUNCE- MENT.

London, Nov. 16.
A question with regard to the £25,000,000 Severn barrage scheme for utilising the river for the generation of electricity is to be asked in the House of Commons by Mr. Louis Smith on Wednesday, when the technical circles interested hope of a final pronouncement from the Minister of Transport.

The scheme, it was hoped, would form an integral part of the Central Electricity Board's 'grid' for the distribution of current, but in the Board's plans for the South-West of England no provision has as yet been made for its inclusion.

Investigations and research work in connexion with the Severn Barrage scheme have been in progress for ten years and some £60,000 has been spent. The scheme, it is stated, is perfectly practicable, but the cost may well prove a serious obstacle.

The Barrage, it was proposed should be built near the Severn railway tunnel, where there are rock foundations, and where the rise and fall of the tide is frequently from 30 to 40 feet. The sheet of water enclosed, it was suggested, might be used as a huge harbour.

RED TERROR IN WALL STREET.

BIG POLICE GUARD.

New York, Nov. 20.
As a result of threatening letters, signed "Communist," having been received by prominent men, the financial centre of New York has been placed under the heaviest guard that has ever been assigned to such a duty.

The letters were received by Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, Mr. Harvey D. Gibson, chairman of the Emergency Unemployment Relief Commission, officials of the New York Stock Exchange and the Bankers Trust Company.

Tear gas and riot gun squads are stationed at all vantage points, and the police force has been doubled.

Private cars, driving slowly up and down Broad-street, conceal more police: 20 detectives are patrolling the J. P. Morgan offices and a special force is watching the Stock Exchange.

The letters have been forwarded to the Department of Justice at Washington, who asked themselves that special precautions should be taken remembering the explosion at the J. P. Morgan offices in 1920, when 34 were killed and 400 injured.

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ROUND CAPE HORN.

BRITISH LINES AVOID PANAMA CANAL.

A considerable volume of the cargo traffic between New Zealand and England has been diverted from the Panama Canal to the Cape Horn route as the result of the raising of the effective canal dues for British vessels by the present low level of the dollar exchange.

All the Commonwealth and Dominion vessels except one during the next six months are going via Cape Horn.

The motor ships of the Shaw, Savill and Albion line, a Press representative learned have been diverted to the same route. No decision has yet been taken regarding the passenger boats of the line, which use the canal, except that dues 15 per cent. below the present level would be sufficient to maintain the 25 per cent. dividend which was accepted in principle by the Suez Canal Company in 1883.

Decreased Cargo.

Shipowners have been compelled to reconsider the whole question of the cost of using either the Panama or Suez Canals in relation to present freight rates and the reduced volume of cargoes. The addition of more than 2,500 miles in distance and eight or nine days in the duration of the voyage is regarded less seriously in view of the decreased demand for cargo space.

It will be recalled that the Liverpool Shipowners' Association began to press last year for substantial reductions in the Suez Canal dues.

Following an appreciable division of cargo traffic from Australia and the Far East to the Cape of Good Hope route, the dues of the canal were reduced by about 8 per cent. from November 15.

Pressure for further reductions has been continued by British shipowners, and it has been suggested that dues 15 per cent. below the present level would be sufficient to maintain the 25 per cent. dividend which was accepted in principle by the Suez Canal Company in 1883.

FOUND GASSED IN HIS NEW HOUSE.

MYSTERY OF A YOUNG MARRIED MAN.

Mr. K. E. Christie, of Briar-avenue, Norbury, was found dead on Nov. 20, with his head in the gas oven of a new house which he had bought in Meadow Crescent, Cheadle.

He was 26 years old and started work at a Cheadle chemical factory only recently.

His wife lives at Hyde-road, Gorton, Manchester, and Mr. Christie was expected to fetch her in the near future.

An official of the New Zealand Shipping Company, which uses the Panama Canal, stated that no change of route was contemplated.

The Commonwealth and Dominion Line owns 25 ships, of 203,963 tons gross, more than 40 per cent. of the total tonnage of the three principal companies with sailings between England and New Zealand.

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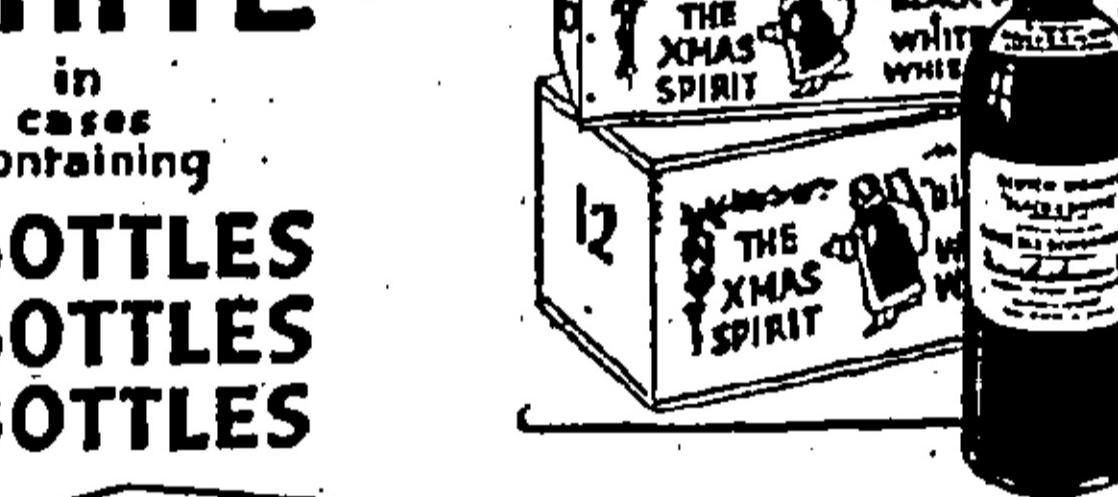
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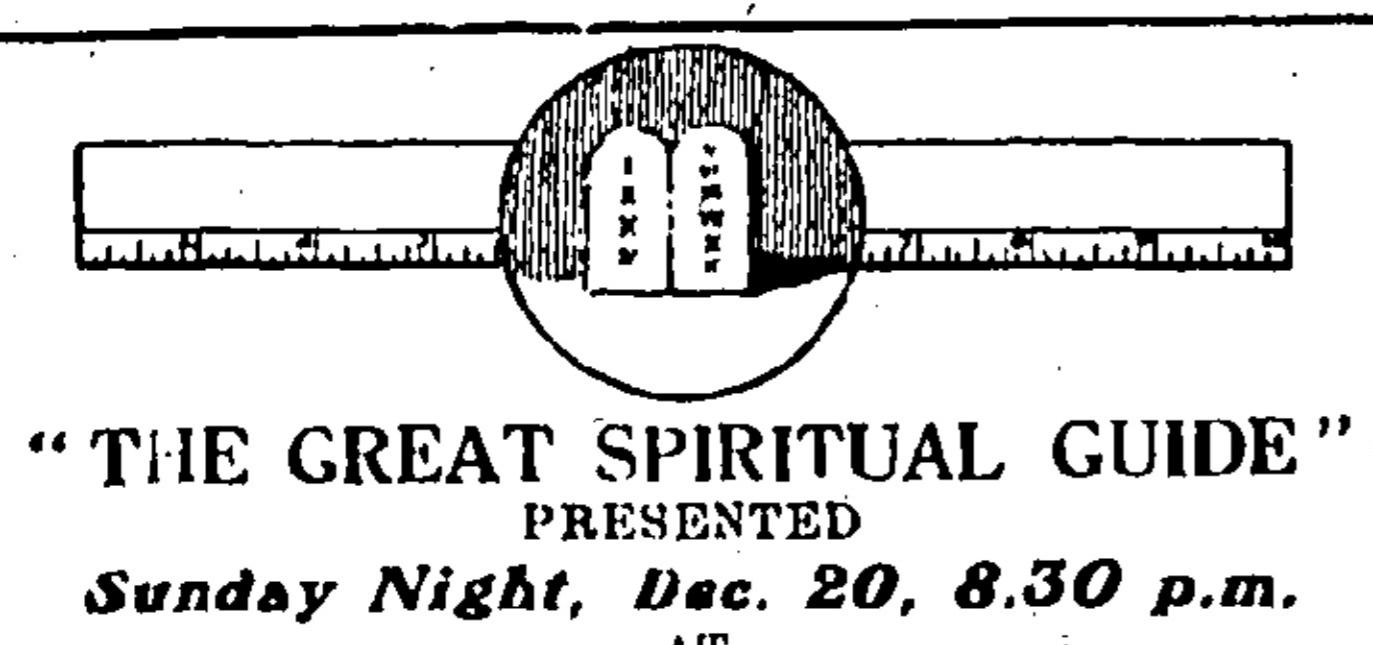
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Every housewife ought to keep a supply of beeswax in the home, because it has endless uses, and will assist the thrifty housekeeper in effecting all sorts of little economies.

A simple polishing paste of many uses consists only of beeswax thinly shaved into turpentine. It is suitable for polishing furniture, stained floors, linoleum, tiled floors and doorsteps with excellent results.

One advantage is that it keeps things the same colour, not darkening them. It forms a smooth surface and preserves all leather goods. When the boot polish runs out, it can be pressed into temporary service, and gives satisfaction, particularly if lamp-black or brown colouring is added.

To waterproof the children's boots, heat together 1 oz. of beeswax, 1/2 oz. of mutton fat in 2 ozs. of either olive or linseed oil. Add 1/2 oz. of lampblack when hot and stir until cool. Warm the boots or shoes and rub in the compound.

Upholstery and leather repairs, which make stiff sewing, are made easier by drawing the thread against a piece of beeswax, which also helps to preserve it.

Marble ornaments, from which pieces have become detached, can be re-fixed with a cement composed of eight parts of resin and one part of beeswax warmed together, and four parts of plaster-of-Paris added when hot. The pieces of marble should be made hot before applying the cement.

A New Note.



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



PUTTING CHIC FOOT FORWARD.



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FOR THE HOUSE-WIFE.

The Charm & Utility of Glass.

Glass has three advantages that should endear it to the housewife of sense and sensibility—it saves labour, preserves well-polished wood, and adds to the well-cared-for and tasteful appearance of furniture and house. A piece of plate-glass about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick, with round edges, is cut to the size of the dressing table, and no longer does dust show up in the old distracting way.

Now is the time to dust the trouble it once was, since a quick wipe over with a duster is all the glass requires to keep it bright. And if you have a plate-glass top for your dressing table you should try to acquire, an occasion arises, toilet accessories of glass as well. The result will be quite charming.

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A chest of drawers gains additional usefulness when covered by plate-glass, for it can then be used, at need, as a wash-stand without

damage to its polished top, and for a bedside table a plate-glass cover is almost a necessity since a glass of water or medicine bottle may stand on it without leaving unfortunate stains on the wood.

For the dining-room table a glass top is not quite so suitable, but tumblers and glasses of good form, associated with such things as glass candlesticks and cruets, give an air of cheerful charm. Also table appointments of glass are no trouble at all to clean, which is more than can be said for the same articles in silver. Another thing which may well be replaced by a glass substitute is the brass doorknob. The glass article is infinitely more attractive, and the dreary daily polish with metal polish is no longer necessary.

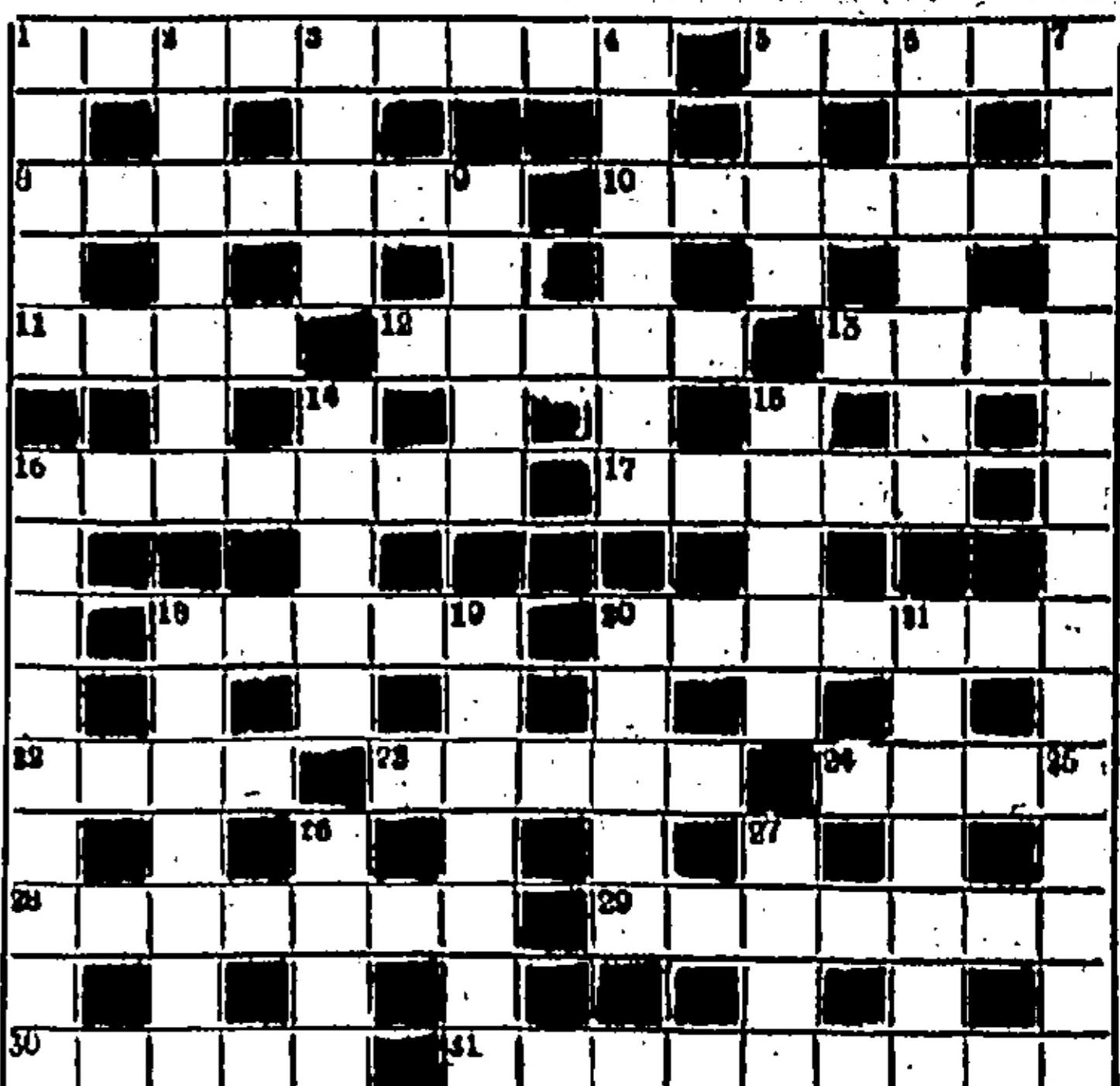
One hardly needs now to refer to the advantages of fireproof glass dishes, but every housewife does not know that glass jars, fitted with aluminium lids containing a moisture-absorbing pad, which keeps the food sweet and wholesome, are now procurable for the storage of groceries and cereals.

And glass, that good friend of the housewife, has yet another advantage that may be mentioned. After many years of use a rub with a cloth will restore its first undimmed brilliance.

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- Decide for the stout most of all.
- Lazy, perhaps, or it may be, led.
- A kindly and gentle saint.
- Rodents—are in it.
- Time being.
- You may stick your ears in the hay, and be quite right, but it certainly is not evidence.
- The heart of the matter, digested by many a boy.
- Made from pearls, partly by mistake.
- Alms.
- Moors are correctly so described.
- This stone is in the British Museum, but why did the extinct bird attack it?
- Swerve—or you can make it slide.
- Ask him what the message is.

Down

- This marine looks very blue.
- Kiss me though I almost know You are kissing to me." —Alice Cary, "Make Believe."
- A little water, some of which will make you ill.
- Upset a couple beside the track and you will be in a good position to see the canal.
- At first I really remembered nothing. (Hidden.)

LOCAL HIKERS MEET.

FORMATION OF A CLUB DISCUSSED.

As the outcome of correspondence in these columns, a party of enthusiastic hikers and hill climbers met yesterday at the St. Francis Hotel, a room being kindly placed at their disposal by Mr. Ivan Marshall, and discussed the promotion of hiking and hill climbing in Hongkong.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. S. Morris, who was supported by other interested in the sport.

After a discussion it was decided to draft a letter which would be sent to the Press appealing to all

those interested, particularly private bodies of ramblers. It was pointed out that the objects of the Club, when formed, would be to organise hikes and climbs and also provide members with every facility for week-end outings, including a depot where equipment and all necessary information may be obtained.

Another meeting will be called in due course, before the Club is formed.

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FOR THE CHILDREN.

Appearing at a time when we all like to think of bringing some joy into the lives of the little ones, the second annual report of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children makes an appeal for help which we trust will not be permitted to go unanswered. Both in the report itself and in the list of selected cases illustrating the Society's activities there is ample evidence to be found of the magnificent work which is being done, on thoroughly sound and helpful lines, to help the helpless and succour those in real need. Needing an income of from \$15,000 to \$17,000 a year, the Society is, excepting for a Government grant of \$3,000, wholly dependent on voluntary contributions. In view of the humanitarian mission which is being so well discharged by this youthful but vigorous organisation, we can conceive of few causes so worthy of being remembered at this season of the year.

Less than eighteen months ago, the Society had no inspectors; today, it has three, and in view of the great number of medical cases which have latterly come in for attention, the latest appointments have been ladies fully qualified as trained nurses. Some idea of the extent of the Society's work can be obtained from the fact that in less than a year well over three hundred cases have been handled, involving more than five hundred and sixty children. It has been revealed that most of the cases calling for help are attributable to the extreme poverty in which so many Chinese of the Colony are living, a poverty for which there is no organised relief. This, coupled with overcrowding, has been reflected in malnutrition and disease. Not only has the

Society been able to provide medical assistance, but it has also relieved the family purse by supplying needy children with the necessities of life. What is more, many children have been placed in institutions in which they will receive such vocational training as will enable them to become useful and self-supporting members of the community. Something has also been done in coping with unemployment amongst parents. The problem of child beggars has also come in for attention, but one of the main difficulties here is that there is no institution in existence to which these children can be sent. However, in some instances free schooling has been arranged by the Society and the parents assisted. A fact which is probably news to many is that by no means all of these child beggars are the offspring of the poor; indeed, many of them have parents in regular work. In view of this circumstance, the Society does well to suggest that the giving of alms to child mendicants is not a wise practice.

All interested in the Society's work should make a point of securing a copy of the annual report and, in particular, should study the typical cases, quoted therein, in which good work has been done. It is gratifying also to know

that the Society has been concerning itself with the general problem of the prevalence of tuberculosis amongst the young, in which connexion it has issued posters asking the public to refrain from the habit of promiscuous expectation on the pavements, in view of the fact that the pavements are so often the playground of the poor. All in all, the Society is doing a fine piece of constructive work. The necessity for its existence is well attested by the excellent results it has already attained.

Mr. Lloyd George's Future.

Mr. Lloyd George's recuperative tour is over. Refreshed in mind and body after a serious illness, he has begun the return journey to England and politics; his fighting spirit unquenched. A small item in a welter of more exciting topics, the news nevertheless will give rise to much speculation. Mr.

Lloyd George will be sixty-nine years of age before Parliament reassembles. What part is he likely to play in Westminster's doings in the unique circumstances now prevailing, when Parliamentary control of the Executive is more effective than it has been for decades? On what side of the House will he stand and what figure will he cut in this, probably the last chapter of his career? His story till now has been rather like the ingenious mystery story, in which the denouement is so skilfully plotted that when the reader reaches what he imagines to be the final phase, he can do little but guess wildly at the purport of what remains. There was a time not long ago when he was classed as a "back number," when he was regarded as pre-eminently a "warman" and as such, as a sun that had set. The nimblest political tactician of modern times was not, however, content with the back row. In the last Labour Government he easily established himself as the most brilliant debater in the House, as the Conservative Party's most formidable opponent in a battle of words and wit. An attempt to forecast the line of his tactics in the new House would be based on little more stable than intuition, but it seems fairly certain that his temperament will not permit him to develop into a "Yes, Yes," man on the Government side. Mr. Lloyd George demands the spotlight. He will find it in opposition and we imagine the National Government, even with their vast majority, would welcome an inkling of the value of the cards secreted in his sleeve.

Bankruptcy notifications state that a first and final dividend of \$12 per cent. has been declared in the case of Choy Koon-tung, trading as the Hop Kee Motor Supply Co., Kowloon; and first and final dividend of \$3.50 in the case of Li Wai-tong, broker, of 5, Des Voeux Road Central.

DAY BY DAY

It is notified that Mr. J. D. Lloyd resumed duty as Superintendent of Imports and Exports on 14th December.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taggart are among the passengers leaving for Manila by the President Cleveland this evening.

Monseigneur Alphonse J. Hund, manager of the St. Francis Hotel, returned this morning from Haiphong by the s.s. Tonkin.

A very convenient desk calendar has been issued by the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., and the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.

WHAT IS DIFFICULT?—TO CONCEAL SECRETS, TO DISPOSE OF LEISURE RATIONALLY, AND TO BEAR INJURIES PATIENTLY.—Chilon.

The names of Mr. J. B. Macdonald, C.A., and Mr. A. H. Harbord, C.A., have been added to the list of the under the Companies Ordinance.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. D. W. Tratman, C.M.G., to be Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary and Clerk of Councils.

His Excellency the Governor has accepted the resignation by Second Lieutenant Leslie Rose, of his commission in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

The King's Executive empowering Mr. John Ridley Putnam to act as a Consul for the United States of America in Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.

It is notified that at the expiration of three months the Kowloon Tong and New Territories Development Company, Limited, will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the register and the company will be dissolved.

The President and Committee of the Sailors and Soldiers' Home gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following donations to the funds of the Home:—H. M. S. Medway (Ship's fund), £100; and H.M.S. Suffolk (Canteen fund) £100 each.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed the following officers to be members of the Honorary Aides-de-Camp:—Lieutenant Charles Francis Cox, South Wales Borderers; Lieutenant James Cunningham Church, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Reports are current in Macao that most probably Commander Julio Augusto Ferreira, who was put here nine years ago in the cruiser Admiral, will be appointed Governor of Macao. He was born in Macao and there are many Portuguese residents in Shanghai who were at school with him many years ago when his father was a Captain in the Portuguese army. His sister Miss Amelina Ferreira is at present in Macao.

The Health Bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ending the 12th inst. gives the following cases of infectious disease and deaths therefrom: Plague, Alexandra 1 case, Bagdad 3 cases, Cholera, Calcutta 22 cases 16 deaths, Small-pox, Bagdad 6 cases 2 deaths, Karachi 1 case, Madras 3 cases 1 death, Negapatam 1 case 1 death, Rangoon 3 cases 2 deaths, Pondicherry 2 cases, Siam 2 cases, Pondecherry 2 cases, Amoy 28 cases 25 deaths, Canton 3 cases, Shanghai 23 cases, 1 death.

The offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Christmas vacation, except on public and general holidays, when the offices will be entirely closed, and on Saturdays, when they will be open from 10 a.m. to noon, subject, however, to the provisions of section 5 of the Supreme Court (Vacations) Ordinance, 1928, so far as it relates to the criminal sessions. The Christmas vacation will commence on the 24th instant and terminate on January 1st, 1932.

At this point the plot thickens.

The T.U.C., represented by a hand-

ful of Trade Union officials of

extreme tendencies, forbade the

bans. As paymasters of

the majority of Socialist

M.P.s, they ordered their

minions to eat their own words.

A few of the best men stood firm to

PEOPLE AND POLITICIANS.

Has Nationalism Come to Stay?

By A TORY.

their bounden duty to the nation, but the rest did a quick volte face, as far as they were concerned leaving the country to founder.

Mr. Henderson, who has now stepped into Mr. MacDonald's evicted shoes as leader of the Socialist party, even boasts about it. "The ship of Labour is still there," says he, "united by a faithful few. We only ran away from the ship of State!" Comment on that "only" would merely gild the lily.

We saw how the General Election was fought. Socialists neglected no possible distortion or misrepresentation of palpable fact. They heaped abuse on colleagues who had the manhood to resist T.U.C. dictatorship when the very life of the nation was at hazard. They appealed brazenly to every low-down instinct of mass cupidity and class prejudice. But all the time they knew they were enacting the role of Judas. That, but for the men they traduced, over two million unemployed workers would within one month have lacked

Looking Ahead.

That was the dominant fact of the General Election. Short of such action as the National Government took there would have been no money for the dole queues in November. The T.U.C. dictators must have realised that. Were they ambitious of effecting on Guy Fawkes Day the Communist Revolution that miscarried at the General Strike?

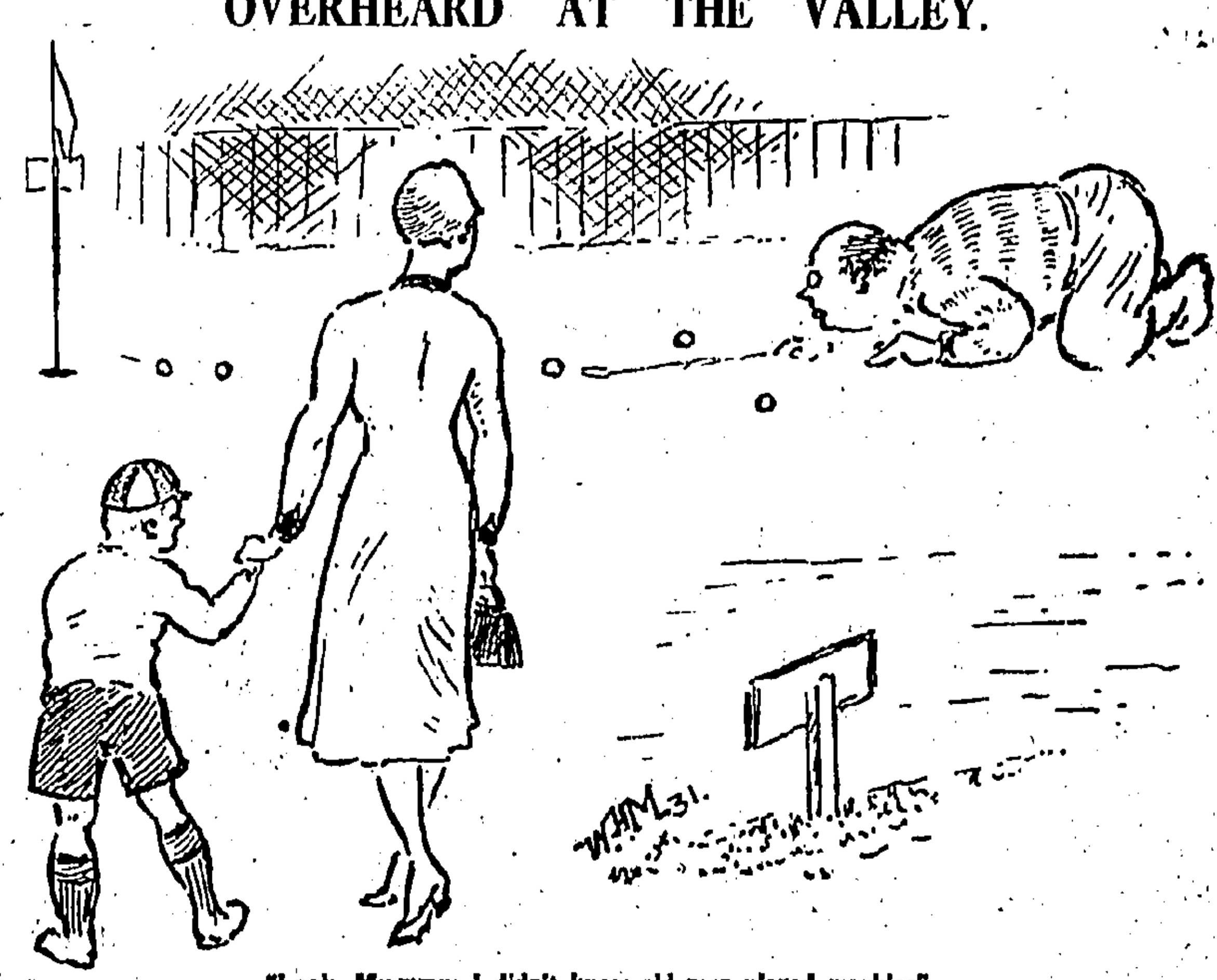
And now what of the future? We must look ahead a little.

When the National Ministry has done its work, and its course is run, must we revert to our former dalliance with disaster? Is the only other alternative to sane patriotism and sound finance to be another Government, with Ministers who are the paid marionettes of a T.U.C. Soviet? This country is sick of outworn party shibboleths and mechanical party vendettas. It demands reality alike in politics and leadership. And it will never again tolerate a veiled T.U.C. dictatorship by Trade and Mad Hatter finance. If the futilities of party caucuses gain play into those hands, it is long odds we have serious trouble in Britain.

Constitutional methods, forged in the furnace of centuries and hammered out on the anvil of historic experience, are best. The British people much prefer them. But a Socialist Ministry that is a T.U.C. marionette show, and deserts the ship of State at the order of a junta of anonymous ignoramus, is a humiliation not to be endured twice in one century. "Uncle" Henderson is too obviously in pawn to the T.U.C. As a potential Prime Minister, even if out of the distant future, he is quite out of true perspective.

If we must have a Mussolini, we will have one. But his credentials will need to be better than "Uncle" Arthur's, his aura somewhat more majestic, and his armorial bearings must reveal a less resemblance to the familiar three golden balls of Lombardy. A Mussolini controlled by T. U. C. wireless relayed from Moscow is outside the picture of British politics.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1931.



Above are seen members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club's team which won the Second Division of the Lawn Bowls League this year. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



The General Committee and officers of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, photographed on the occasion of the closing day last Saturday. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



Above pictures show members of the Scottish Co. H.K.V.D.C. firing machine-guns on Dodwell's Ridge, Fanling, whilst in camp last Sunday. (Photos: Ming Yuen Studio).



Santa Claus and his welcome party at the Kai Tack Aerodrome. The idea was staged by the staff of the Sincere Company.



This snapshot was taken during the play which marked the closing day of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club last Saturday. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



The Civilians in one of their raids on the Army goal in the Lai Wah Cup competition match last Saturday. The soldiers lost by six clear goals. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



An incident in the Rugby football match last Saturday in which the Navy defeated the Club by eight points to nil. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

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A group of keen and youthful cricketers is seen in the above photograph. They are members of the Diocesan Boys' School cricket team. (Photo: Tanaka Studio).



One of Hongkong's most beautiful and rare wild orchids is at present in bloom. This is Cyperidium purpuratum, the Lady's Slipper orchid, shown above at it was found growing on the side of a ravine at Mount Nicholson. The flower is three inches across. (Photo by Mr. V. H. C. Jarrett).



Members of the Scottish Company of the Volunteer Defence Corps had an enjoyable, if intensely cold, week-end in camp in the New Territories. Above is seen a happy group of the Kilties. (Photo: Ming Yuen Studio).



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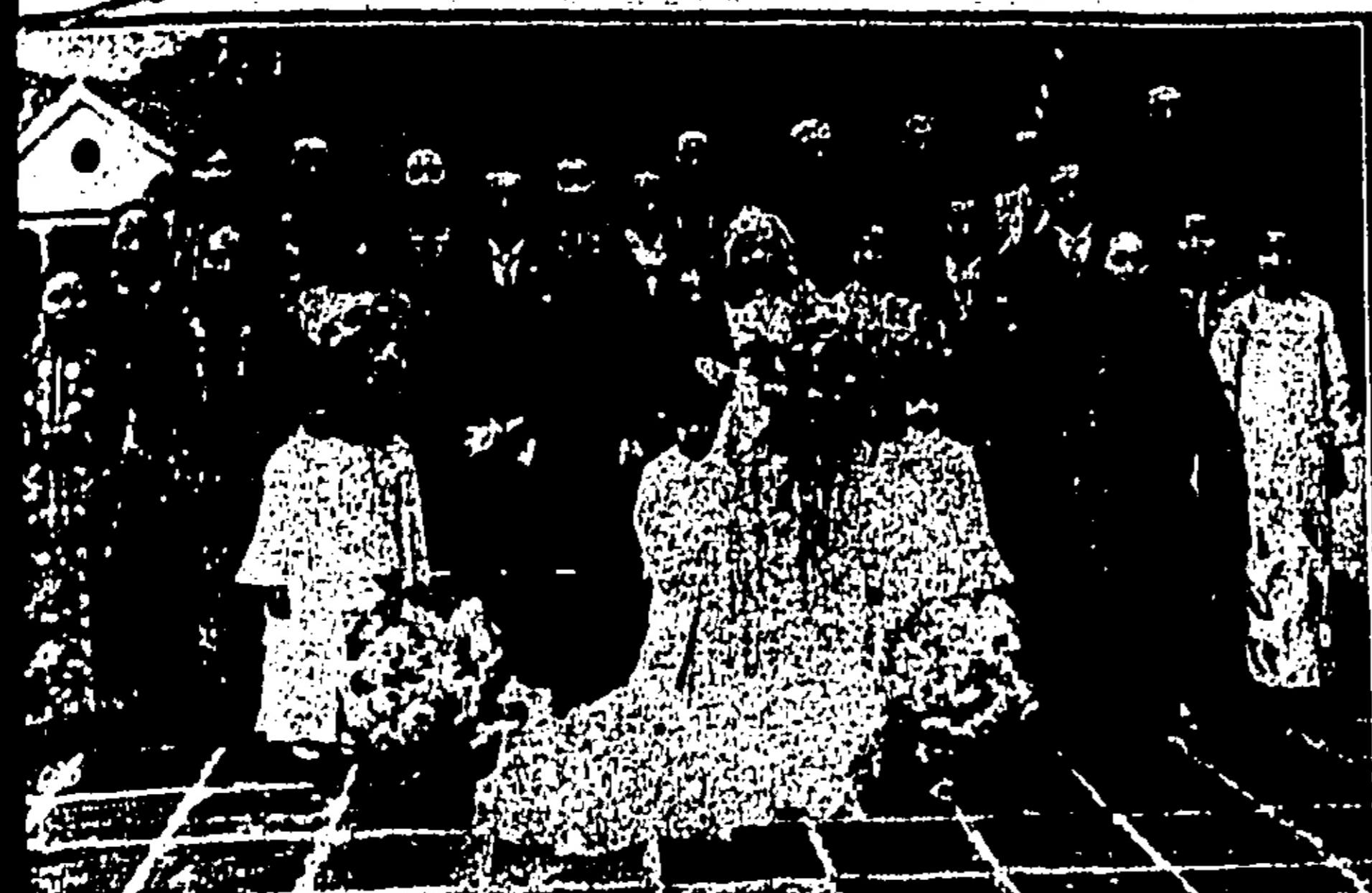
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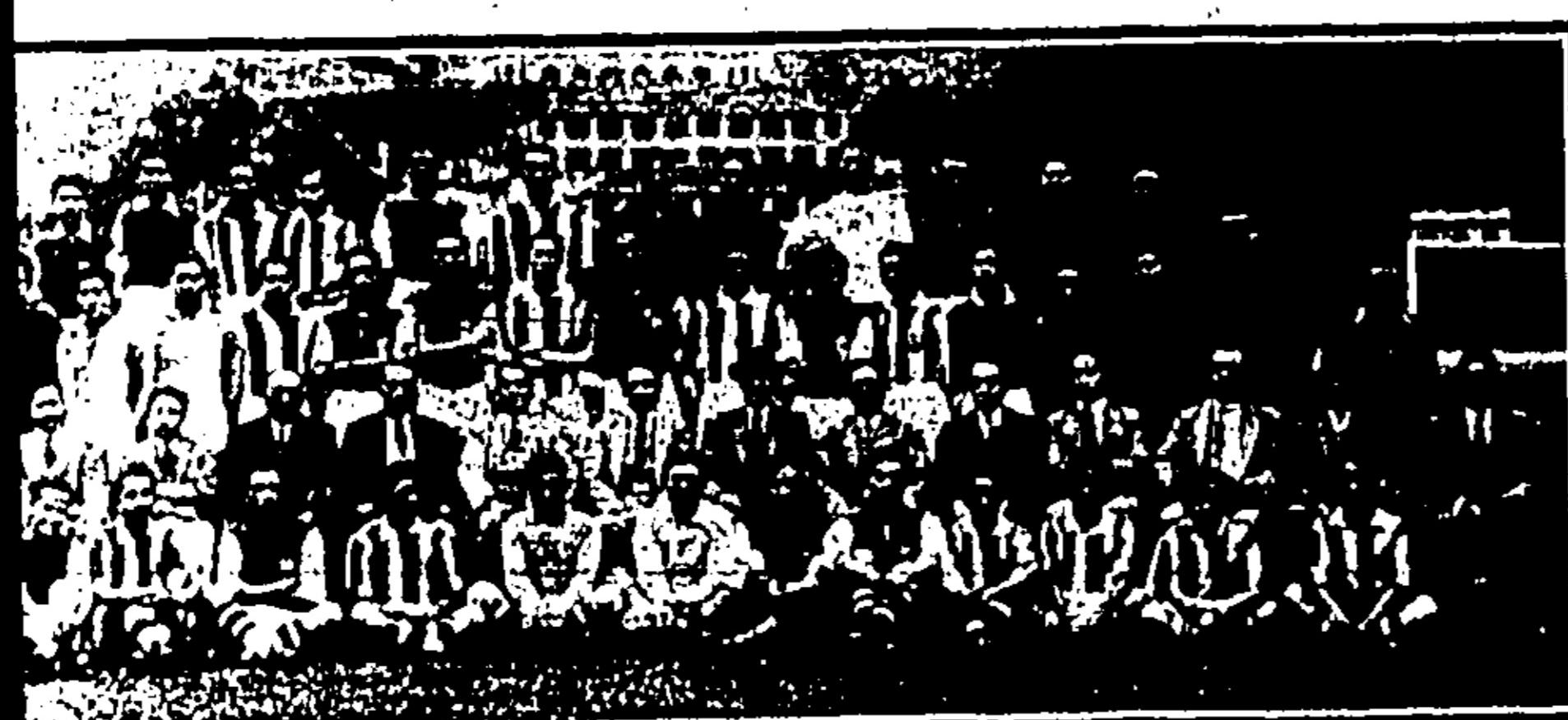
A wedding took place recently of Mr. Ng Cheung-tak and Miss Doris Feng. Subsequently, the above group was taken. (Photo: Ming Yuen Studio).



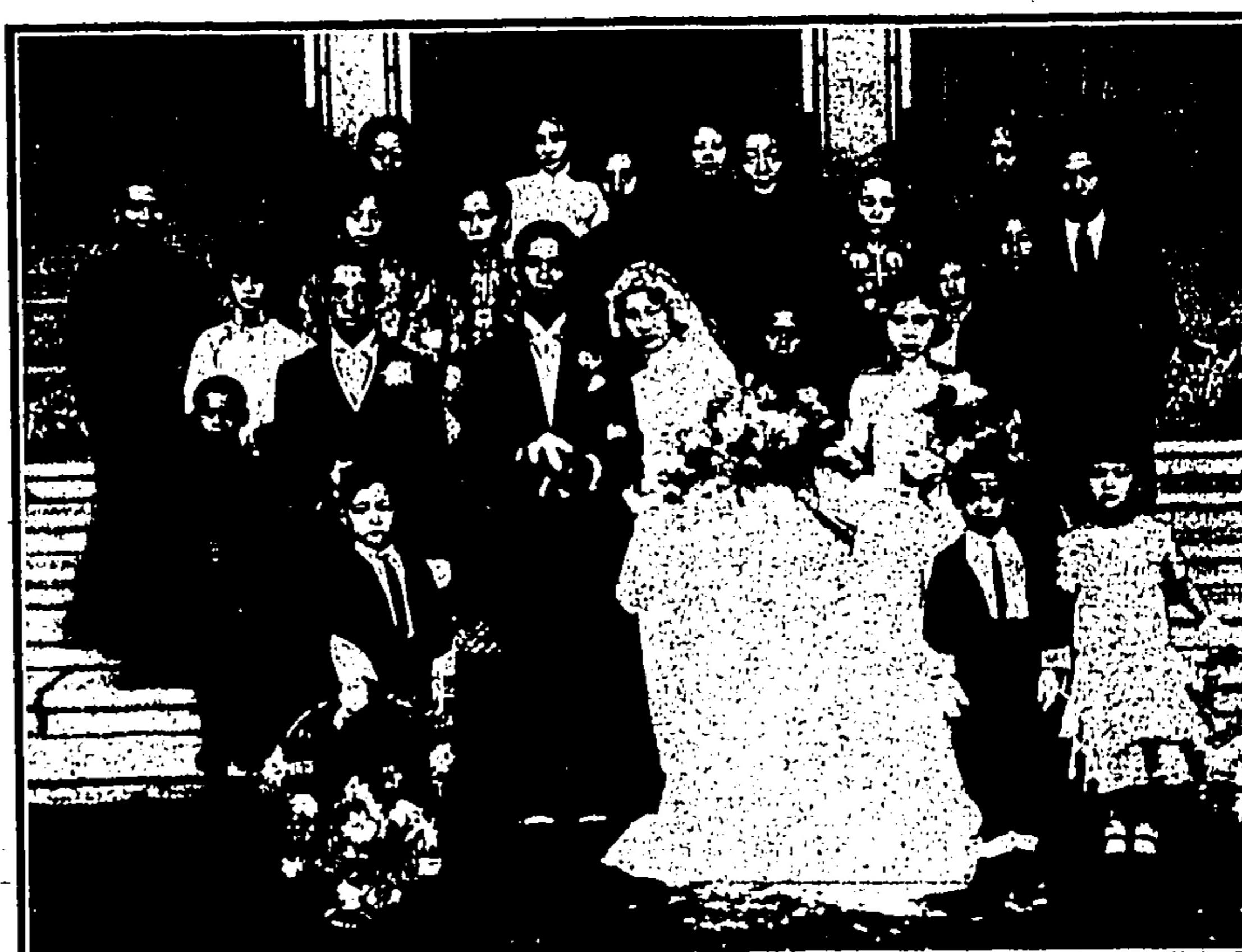
An interesting wedding took place when Mr. Cheng Tai man was recently married to Miss Chan Shun-ching. Later, the above group was taken at the Hotel Cecil.



Horse wins at Saturday's races. Left, Mr. H. S. Chan's Pride of Tsingtao being the Autumn Champion; right, Mr. J. C. Church's Bronze Eyes, winner of the Nullah Plate. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



Photos taken last Saturday on the occasion of the inauguration of the new Chinese Football League. Wong Kwong-tin declared the League open. Mr. Mok Ying-Kwai spoke on its behalf and subsequently two matches were played. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



The above photograph, taken at the Peninsula Hotel recently, shows the bridal group on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Chiu Po-Hung and Miss Cheung. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

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The Adjutant and officers of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, photographed at camp in the New Territories last Saturday. (Photo: Ming Yuen Studio).



Members of the Armoured Car Section of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps in camp last Saturday. (Photo: Ming Yuen Studio).



The Victoria British School has just held its final prize-day. Above some of the scholars are seen in one of the plays they produced on this occasion. (Photo: Ming Yuen Studio).



Students of the Victoria British School are seen in the above photographed as they appeared in a Nativity Play. (Photo: Ming Yuen Studio).



A striking scene from the Hongkong Philharmonic Society's production of "Miss Holland," which has its final showing to-night. (Photo: Ming Yuen Studio).



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CURRENT COMMENT

Amazing Progress.

The truly amazing progress in the automobile world was impressively demonstrated to a representative of the *Hongkong Telegraph*, on Monday evening, in a most unexpected way. The occasion was a trial run in one of the new Studebaker "Dictator" Eights, which, among other modern features, is equipped with a most effective radio installation. A stop was made near the Kowloon Reservoir, during which time various long distance stations were tuned in, including Bangkok, Japan, Manila, Java, and of course, Canton and Hongkong. It was when listening to the local station that the evolution of the automobile from an uncomfortable vehicle with a spluttering engine, to its present day standard of perfection, was vividly revealed. Mr. P. M. Hodgson's interesting talk over the wireless came through, and while actually driving back to Kowloon, every word was heard as clearly as though the speaker were sitting in the car. The description of the first motor vehicle seen in the Colony in 1908—"a weird contraption—six horse power, one cylinder, chain driven with the engine at the rear" listened to while seated in a luxuriant modern sedan, propelled silently by a power unit of 80 horse-power, running as smoothly as velvet, was indeed an astounding contrast. Yet the car of to-day is verily amazing. This new model, by the way, more than ever places Studebaker in the front rank of modern vehicles. From the elegant lines of the coachwork to the power and yet simplicity of the free-wheeling engine, the "Dictator" is indeed a super-car. H.K.A.A.

The useful work carried out by the patrols of the Hongkong Automobile Association, has influenced the Committee in engaging four new men, who will commence duty in the New Year. They will be stationed on the Praya and in Statue Square, and members of the Association will doubtless appreciate this additional service. There will thus be four Indian and four Chinese patrols regularly employed, and members' cars will come under their supervision. It should be mentioned that these patrols have instructions to watch cars carrying the badge of the Association.

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A DOUBLED DIVIDEND.

The announcement that the Triplex Company are paying a dividend of 10 per cent., exactly double that of last year, is a sign of the growing safety of motoring, for safety glass is now being fitted to most of the leading models from the £100 Morris Minor to the £3,000 Rolls-Royce Limousine.

Another factor that has helped towards the prosperity of the safety glass industry is the new Ministry of Transport regulations which come into force on January 1st next, and which compel all new motor vehicles to be fitted with safety glass on the windscreen and lower front windows. Already a large number of bus owners and corporations have had safety glass fitted.

AUTO RADIOS.

It is estimated that there are from 6000 to 8000 automobile radios in use and 52 police departments in the U.S.A. have equipped squad cars with receiving sets. There are about 20 different makes of this type of radio.

SHOES FOR THE ORIENT.



Millions of miles have been travelled on the two million used tyres being gathered on this lot in Los Angeles. This rubber is being collected for shipment to China and Japan where it will be made into footwear and hard rubber products. Photo shows part of the huge mountain of tyres.

COMMERCIAL MOTOR TRANSPORT EXHIBITION.

Olympia, November 5th to 14th.

EXHIBITS by JOHN I. THORNYCROFT & Co., Ltd.

Occupying an almost central position on an island site in the Grand Hall, the half-dozen exhibits of Thornycroft vehicles attracted keen attention from motor transport users, who were able to appreciate their distinctive features which promise further to enhance the already high reputation the Company's vehicles have earned as leading exponents of economical road transport.

Every exhibit bore witness to the continuous concentration by the Company in the development of new features of design or manufacture to achieve further progress.

These efforts were exemplified on the stand by new types of engines, new and better values for purchasers and the assurance of new and higher standards of performance, such as will maintain for Thornycroft's their prominent position in the commercial motor vehicle industry, of which they were actually the pioneers nearly 40 years ago.

Briefly, the vehicles exhibited were as follows:

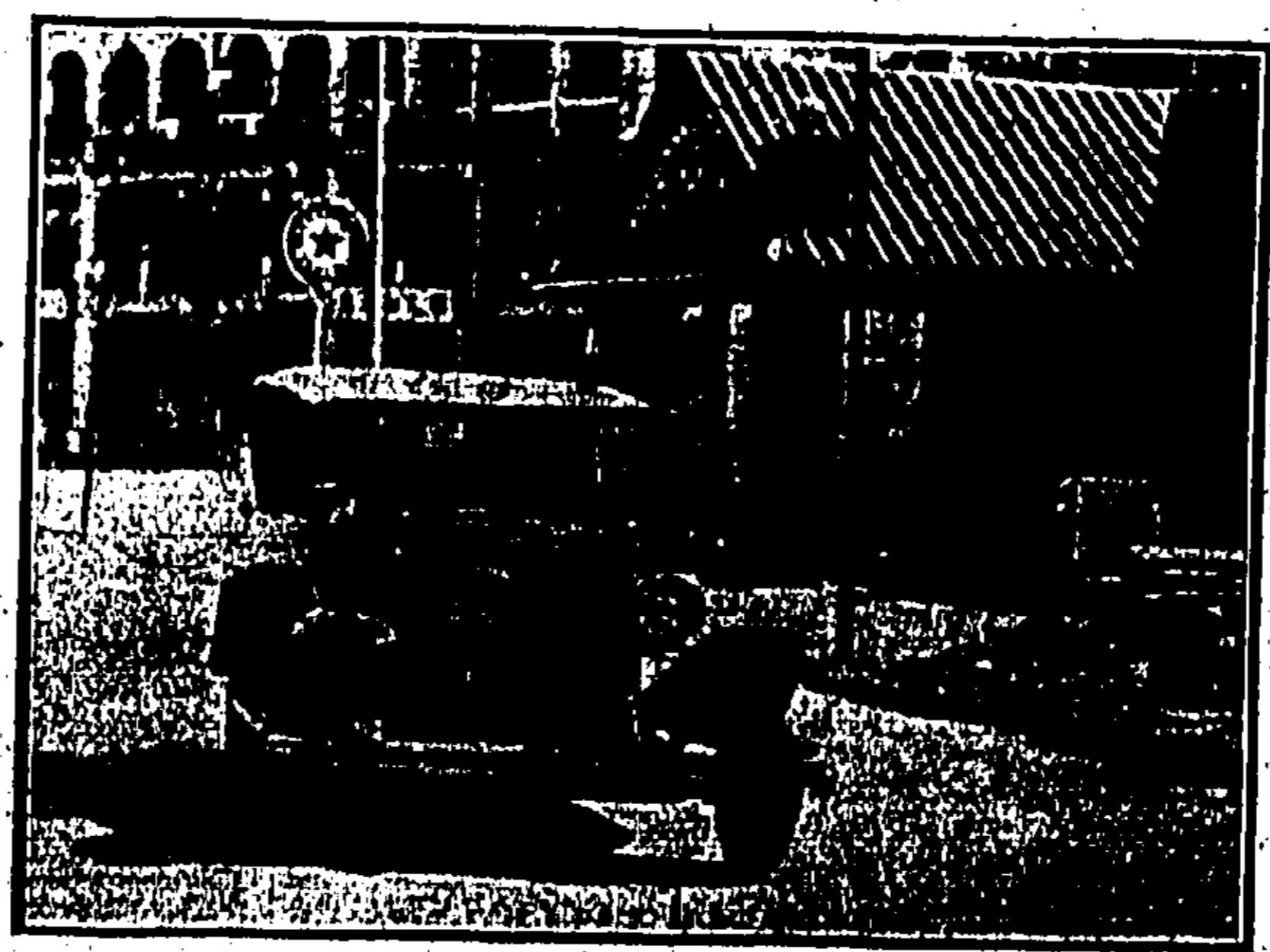
1. Thornycroft 2-ton type "A10 Forward" fixed sided lorry with 39 h.p. four-cylinder engine. A remarkably popular machine amongst leading trades in Britain.

2. Thornycroft 2½-ton type "A14" platform lorry with 50 h.p. six-cylinder engine, giving a high average road speed for fast delivery work. An interesting feature of this vehicle was the roll back floor to facilitate handling the load.

3. Thornycroft 6½-ton type "JD/4 Long" van with 57 h.p. four-cylinder engine. The setting back of the front axle gives a shorter wheelbase, so that the vehicle conforms with the law in Britain regarding axle weights. This exhibit undoubtedly created a very favourable impression amongst users in the heavier class.

4. Thornycroft rigid six-wheeled 11-ton type "QD" chassis with 100 h.p. six-cylinder heavy oil engine. The feature of this vehicle was its now compression ignition type of engine, which has been developed by Thornycroft.

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These vehicles proved extremely popular, and in course of time equally satisfactory, which has recently led to a repeat order being placed for over 40 similar vehicles.

These are to be employed in extending the Cairo services, and on new services to be started in Alexandria.

finements in design, including "Silent Six" engine, "Comfort" springs, and lightweight construction with 100 per cent. increase in strength.

6. Thornycroft 52-seated type "DD Forward Double Deck" omnibus with 92 h.p. overhead valve six-cylinder engine. This latter vehicle was a fine example of the latest progress in passenger vehicle design for municipal service, where constant starting, stopping, acceleration and braking impose severe conditions of service which only thoroughly well-designed and sturdily built vehicles can stand up to with any certainty of economical running.

In addition to the above vehicles on the Main Stand, there were also two examples of Thornycroft chassis amongst the collective exhibits staged by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders in the Empire Hall.

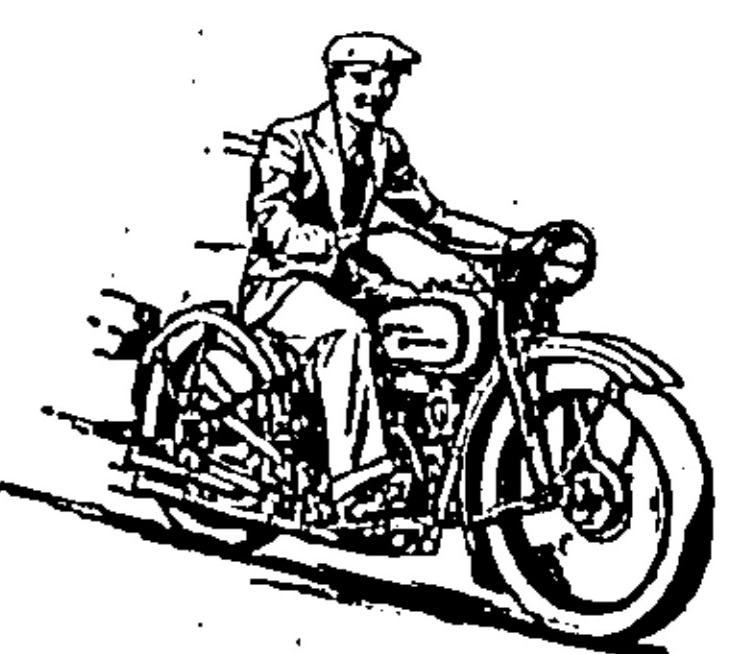
These consisted of:

A. Thornycroft 6-ton rigid six-wheeled type "EC Long" chassis with 86 h.p. overhead valve six-cylinder engine. This is the Thornycroft six-wheeler which has gained such an excellent reputation overseas for transport with or without roads. It has everywhere proved its capacity for transporting heavy loads under extremely strenuous conditions, and is being extensively operated by railway companies in South Africa, South America, etc., for railroad services.

B. Thornycroft type "DD Forward Double Deck" omnibus chassis with 92 h.p. six-cylinder engine. An attractive proposition for Municipal Engineers and those who look after the maintenance of double-deck fleets.

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Motors in Aust.

N.S.W. HAS MOST.

There were approximately 561,304 motor vehicles registered in Australia on June 30, 1931, according to a return furnished by the Acting-Commonwealth Statistician (Professor Giblin).

This does not include registrations in Tasmania, nor in country districts of Western Australia.

With 223,003 vehicles, New South Wales has more than Victoria (168,231), and South Australia (66,226), added together, and, excluding Victoria, has more than the combined total of all other States.

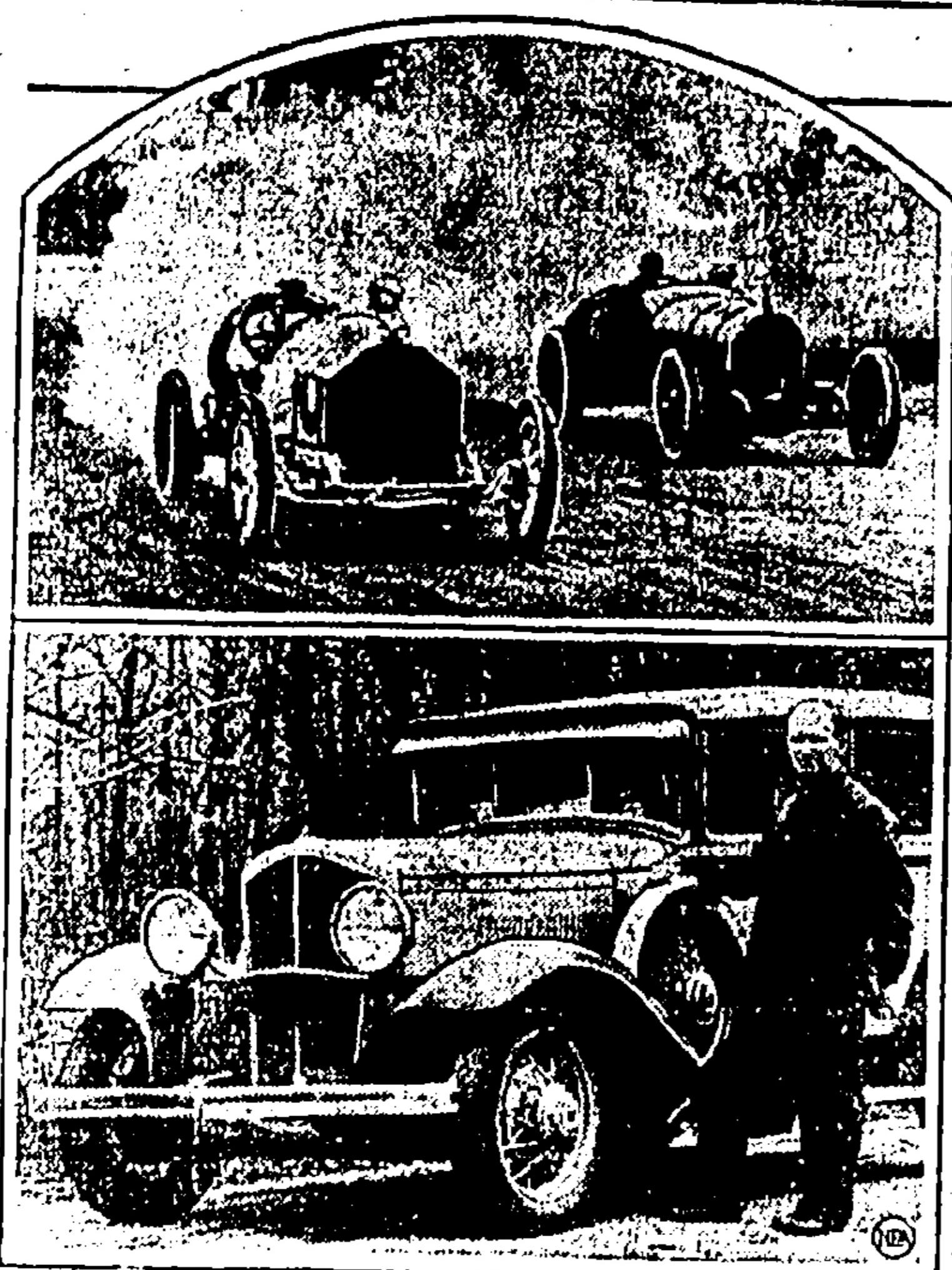
Queensland has 90,831, with Australia (metropolitan only), 21,075; North Australia, 428; Central Australia, 116; and the Federal Capital Territory, 1395.

Though Victoria (116,568) is well below New South Wales (154,096) in car registrations, and its commercial vehicle figures of 27,068, is even further behind New South Wales's 42,866, the southern State is nearly equal in motor cycle density, having 23,636 to New South Wales's 25,463.

In motor bus registrations, Victoria leads handsomely with 360. Next best is New South Wales, with 588.

Motoring is evidently a matter of stern business in Central Australia, which has nearly as many commercial vehicles (47), as cars (68), and only one motor cycle in the whole of its territory.

AMERICA'S RACING VETERAN.



In the early days of racing, above, Earl Cooper passing another favourite, Barney Oldfield, in the 1914 Vanderbilt Cup Race at Santa Monica, Calif. Below, Cooper beside his latest automobile.

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In his racing hey-day, Cooper was unique in that he was one of the few drivers to own his own car. He was so confident of his ability to win consistently that he did not favour sharing his prize money with some manufacturer.

His ability as an engineer was largely responsible for his success on the speedway. He personally supervised the preparation of his car for every race.

In Aviation, Too.

After his racing days, Cooper lost himself to auto fans.

When the United States entered the World War he became active in aviation. After the armistice, he established San Francisco's first airport on the site where Crissy Field is now located. He was the first man to fly across San Francisco Bay.

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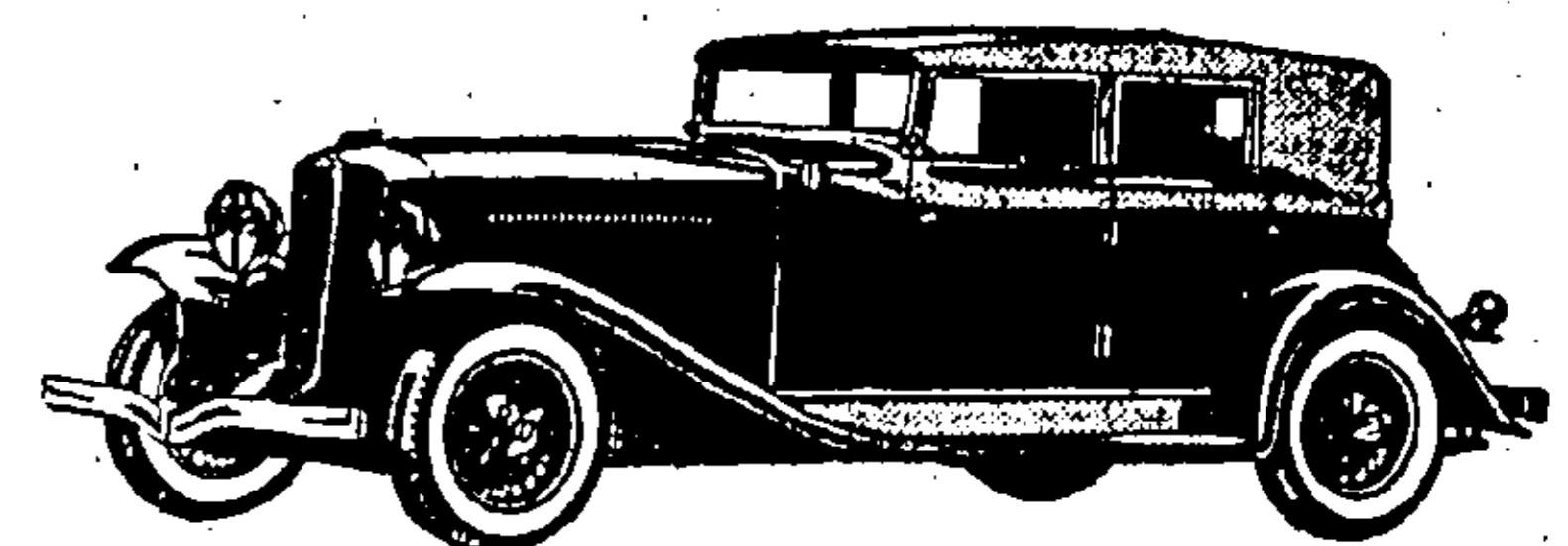
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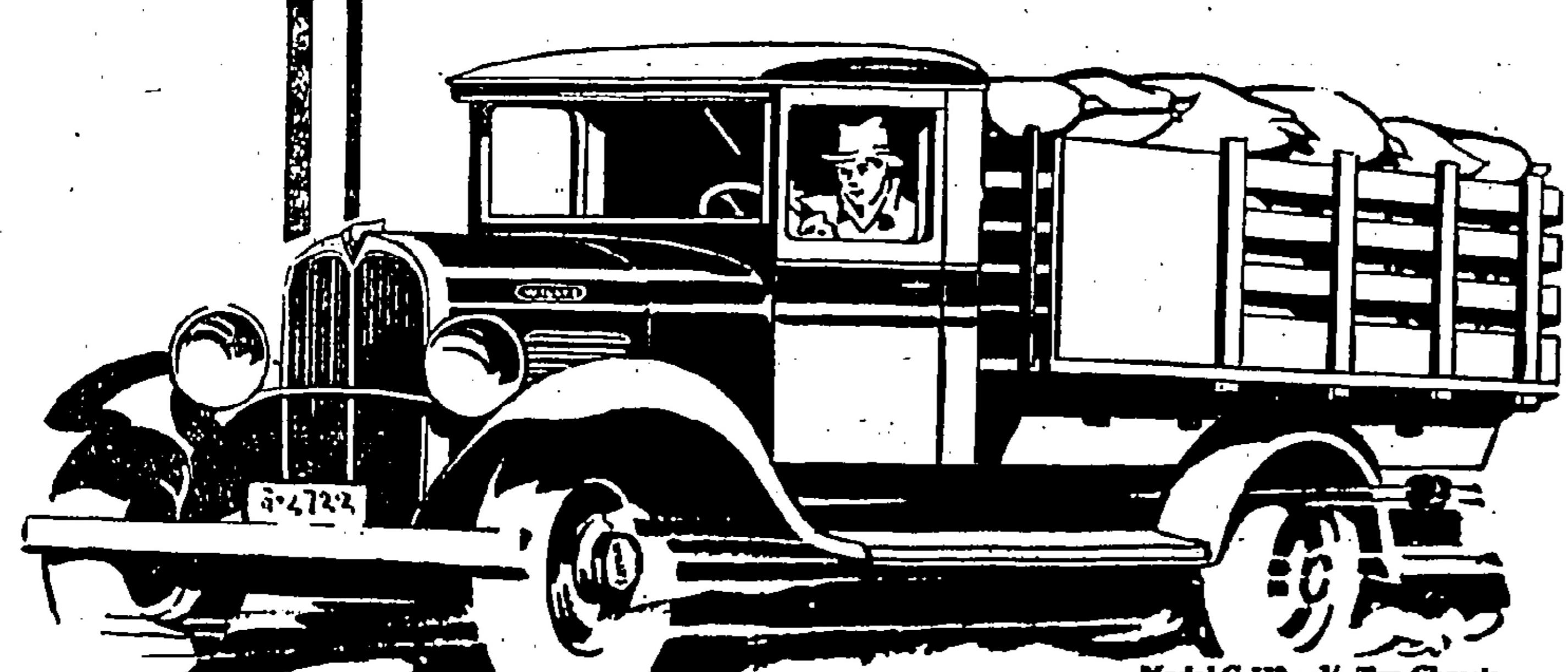
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**SIR H. SAMUEL AND
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CHAMBERLAIN.**

**"NO NEED OF PONTIFICAL
ADMONITIONS."**

WINSTON'S FOIBLES.

Sir Herbert Samuel (Home Secretary), at Darwen recently, replied to the statement made by Sir Austen Chamberlain in the House of Commons regarding "hole and corner" meetings of the Liberal Cabinet.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, he said, had addressed admonitions to some of his Liberal colleagues and himself, and they, no doubt, were kindly meant. It was as well that the public should have a clear understanding of the present political position.

The creation of the National Government did not involve amalgamation or the absorption of the political parties. That was not desired, or proposed, by the Prime Minister, or by Mr. Baldwin, or himself.

Going "Much Too Far."

"When Sir Austen Chamberlain," Sir Herbert Samuel proceeded, "suggests that members of the Liberal Parliamentary Party are not to be permitted to meet together in consultation he goes much too far."

"Other sections of supporters of the Government hold meetings day by day, and it is difficult to see why what is right for them should be wrong for us. Sir Austen declares that it is incompatible with Cabinet secrecy that I should, myself, attend."

"I have served in Cabinets for more than seven years of my life. On no occasion has there been any reason to suggest non-observance on my part of Cabinet secrecy in the smallest particular. I stand in no need of pontifical admonitions in that regard."

"If Sir Austen Chamberlain had, in spirit been at our last Party meeting, he would have heard me say to our members that I could give them no intimation of the future course of Government policy, or enter into discussion of that matter, because to do so would be a breach of Cabinet confidence—a statement which was at once accepted without the smallest demur."

"Shadow Cabinet" Extinct.

"I certainly contemplate that there may be many occasions on which it would be advisable for myself and my colleagues in the Cabinet to attend these meetings, both as a precaution for ourselves, and as enabling greater freedom of discussion for our members."

But that the meetings should be discontinued altogether would be unlikely to find acceptance with a party which has been accustomed to hold them at regular intervals for more than 12 years.

"Sir Austen added that he had heard whispers of a Liberal Shadow Cabinet. It would have been better if before he had embarked upon formal criticism from his place in Parliament he had based himself upon something better than whispering. As a matter of fact, the old Liberal 'Shadow Cabinet' was replaced some considerable time ago by an advisory committee, consisting partly of ex-Ministers, partly of members elected by the rank and file of the members of the late Parliament, with the Whips and leading members of the Liberal Central Organisation.

"This body has held one meeting after the General Election in order to discuss the chairmanship of the party and other matters of internal organisation. Now that the Liberal leaders form part of the Government it has not been intended to summon it for regular meetings, but it remains available for consultation in case of emergency.

Mr. Churchill Taken to Task.

"I wonder whether Sir Austen feels disposed to address any admonitions to Mr. Winston Churchill?" He has been urging upon Parliament the adoption of a policy entirely different from that propounded by the Prime Minister, entirely different from that on which the National Government was based, the election contested, and the victory won.

"Will Sir Austen endeavour to restrain Mr. Churchill's zeal for a policy of immediate all-round Protection without inquiry and without any consideration for the views either of the Prime Minister or of any of his colleagues? I know that it would be difficult to restrain him. (Laughter). It is a common experience that the newest convert to any faith is the most fervent devotee."

"When Mr. Churchill was a Free Trader no one was more fervent and uncompromising than he. As a Protectionist he will soon outdistance Sir Henry Page Croft and leave Lord Beaverbrook standing."

But restraint, forethought, are not in Mr. Churchill's vocabulary. The country has learned long since not to look to him for carefully-devised policies, formulated with due regard to economic facts and devised with a so's regard for the promotion of the national trade and the increase of national prosperity.

"We have Mr. Churchill's position: finger-prints at Scotland Yard. (Laughter). His previous convictions are too many and too varied to inspire confidence now. Possibly Sir Austen Chamberlain will cast upon him also the cold light of his avuncular disapprobation."

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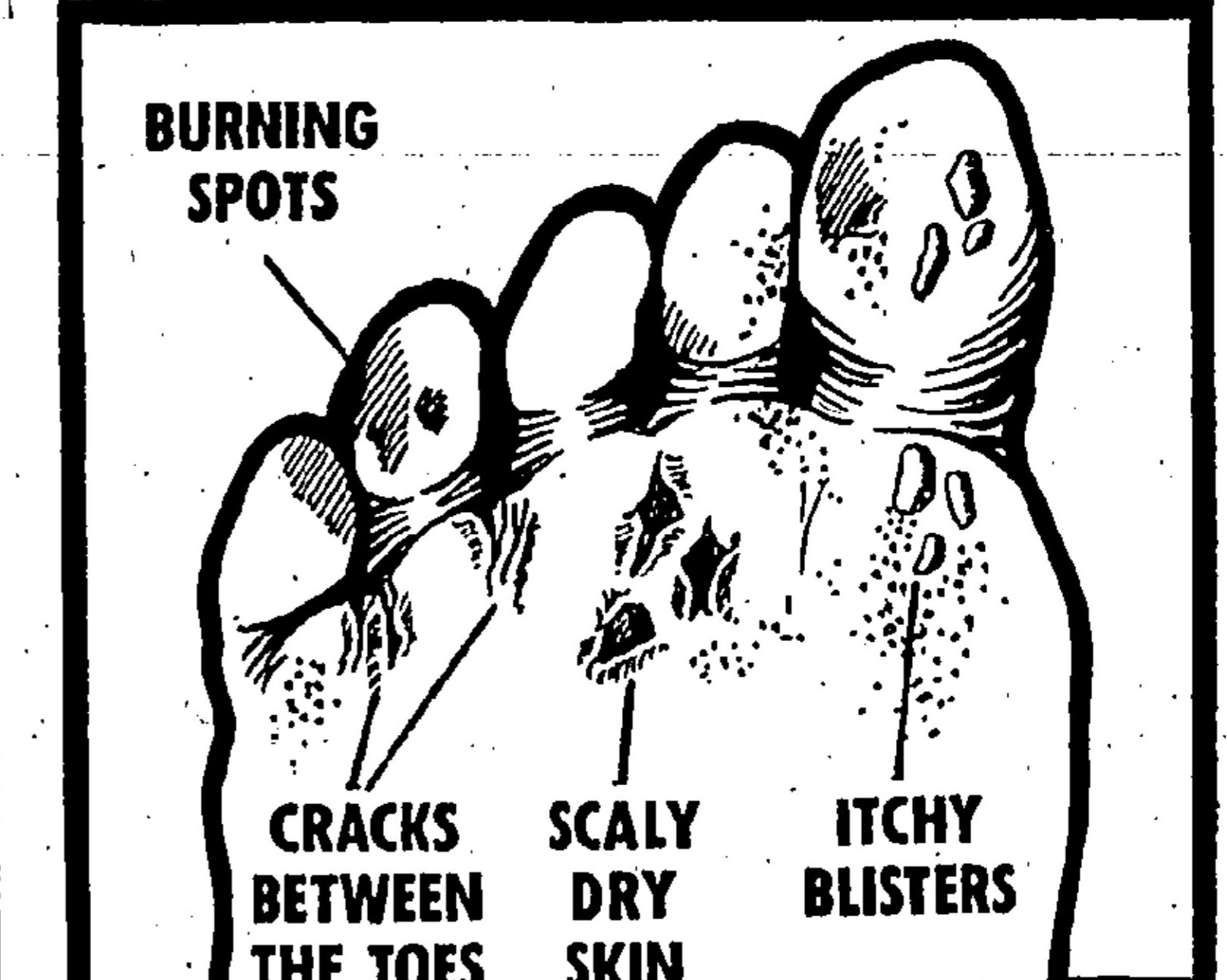
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MACAO'S LATEST SPORT.

NEARLY READY FOR DOG-RACING.

AMBITIOUS PLAN.

[*"Telegraph."* Special]

A visit to the dog-racing track at Macao reveals that much headway has been made with the work of preparing the grounds for greyhound racing. It is expected that the first meeting will take place in the first week in January, and the announcement of the inaugural date has been promised for an early date.

Trials have begun at Macao, and the mechanical arrangements are said to be perfectly satisfactory.

Shortly after it was decided to close down greyhound racing in the International Settlement in Shanghai, arrangements were made at Macao for the establishment of this form of sport in the Portuguese colony. A suitable piece of land was leased by the government and the Company that was interested in taking over the licence was floated.

Difficulties Overcome.

For some time, however, little headway was made, and it was even thought, by those sceptically inclined, that the project would never materialise. Owing to the difficulty in getting equipment quickly enough all progress was held up through the summer, and then owing to unfavourable weather, work went on very slowly.

But those responsible for the work have not abdicated themselves in the matter of energy, and in sharp contrast with the earlier efforts, the grounds at Macao are now the scene of greatest activity, as the final stages of the work of preparation are being hurried to a conclusion, in anticipation of the commencement of racing at an early date.

Many of the buildings are completed, and, the only important construction still to be finished is the grand stand. It is believed that the builders will be able to hand over this structure within a week.

Control Tower.

The first thing to strike the visitor's eye when approaching the grounds is the electric control-tower, which has been built in a pleasing Chinese design. It stands apart from the other buildings and fills an important role, for from this tower will be controlled the electric hare which forms the quarry to be chased by the greyhounds. It is carried round the track on a bogey-trolley, hidden under a wooden hare-box which is carried all round the course, the hare being carried on an arm and resting on a wooden rail, flush with the grass track on which the greyhounds course.

From the tower are also controlled the electric installation, and three hundred lamps, each of three hundred candle power, illuminate the track, which are all turned on immediately prior to the race, while the other lights in the precincts of the track are simultaneously turned off. The effect is attractive, and helps to make greyhound racing so interesting, when all eyes are thus unconsciously concentrated on the illuminated track. The total candle-power of all the lights will be in the neighbourhood of 500,000, exclusive of the power to run the electric-hare.

Enclosed Track.

The track is closed on the inner side, by wire netting and, on the outer, by the hare-box under which the trolley runs, the public being accommodated outside the box, with a suitable space intervening as an added precaution so that no danger might arise by accidental contact with the electrical apparatus under the covers of the box, which is, itself, insulated and completely covered in.

Staff of Sixty.

The training is carried out by three European trainers assisted by six Russian kennel men and eighteen Chinese kennel boys, and the total staff at the track is about sixty, exclusive of the workers in charge of the betting and the stables.

One of the most enthusiastic exponents of greyhound racing is Mr. F. J. Gellion, Manager of the Macao Electric Lighting Company, and it is due almost entirely to his efforts that so much headway has been made with the work that is now drawing to a successful conclusion.

The betting will be carried out under the grand-stand and will be conducted by experienced workers from Hongkong, which ought to be an assurance that no difficulties will arise in the operation of this important department of the business.

Admission to the stands will be free to members of the Club, but the public will also be admitted upon payment of a fee, while a

LOCAL BILLIARDS.

NG SZE-KWONG CHALLENGE CUPS.

The Royal Artillery (31st Heavy Battery) met and defeated the R.A.O.C. by three games to two in the fifth match of the first round of the Services Billiards Tournament for the Ng Sze-kwong challenge cups, at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home last night.

Perhaps the most interesting game was that between Master Gunner Bailey, of the R.A., and Sergeant Turner, of the R.A.O.C. It was a very keen and sporty match and Sergeant Turner is to be congratulated on running his opponent so close, as one might have looked as though fate had served him badly. He rallied splendidly and it was anybody's game for the last ten minutes. Big breaks were not the order of the evening, but a very fine 27 by Sergeant Turner was cleverly compiled. The results of last night's games were as follows:-

Royal Artillery.

Master Gunner Bailey	150
Sergeant Wilks	150
Bdr. Willis	150
Sergeant Major Monkton	123
O. R. Weighell	77

R. A. O. C.

Sergeant Turner	142
Sergeant Farquhar	102
L. Cpl. Sanson	83
S/Sergeant Paston	150
Pte. Osborne	150

The next match will be held on Monday the 21st Inst. when the R.A.O.C. are due to meet H.M.S. "Scrapis" at 7 p.m.

MENJOU TO ACT IN BRITISH FILMS.

A RECORD SALARY.

Adolphe Menjou is to act in British films.

Erik Hakim, who produced "The Outsider," has just completed, by Transatlantic telephone, a contract with the famous screen artist to costar with Margaret Bannerman in three films which Fred Niblo, director of "Ben Hur," is to make in England.

Adolphe Menjou flew from Los Angeles to New York to catch the next liner to England. He will begin acting in the picture, "Two Arms," at the Wembley studios shortly.

He has been engaged at the highest salary ever paid a film star in England.

"This is my first talkie, and I am thrilled about it," said Miss Margaret Bannerman. "I have never met Adolphe Menjou, but I am a great admirer of him, and I am delighted to think that we are going to work together."

Modern Kennels.

At the other end of the grounds may be seen the long, neat-looking buildings which serve as the kennels. No expense has been spared to make the kennels as modern as possible, and accommodation is provided for three hundred animals—nearly two hundred may be seen there at the present time.

The buildings are kept scrupulously clean and every attention is given to the animals, and a surgeon attached to the kennels is maintained for treatment to be given to the animals. The utmost care is taken with the food of the greyhounds and special diet is given at proper intervals.

It is believed that Rolls plans include a resumption of racing with the Bentley.

An A.J.S. Dealer.

Willys Overland Crossley, Ltd. of Manchester, have purchased the rights of production in the A.J.S. car, including the machinery at the factory from A. J. Stevens and Co. of Wolverhampton.

WHO PAYS FOR THE BRIDE MAID'S DRESSES?

NO LIABILITY ON THE BRIDE'S FATHER.

The question whether a bride's father was liable for the cost of the dresses worn by the bridesmaids at her wedding was argued at Marylebone County Court.

Miss Gladys Chambers, dressmaker, of South Molton-street, W., sued Mr. D. Bray, bookmaker, of Greencroft-gardens, Hampstead, for £21 7s. The sum was for his daughter's wedding dress and the dresses of her three bridesmaids.

One of the bridesmaids was the bride's sister and Mr. Bray admitted liability for £14 2s. fid., the cost of their dresses, but denied liability for the other two dresses.

"I knew my daughter was going to have other bridesmaids," said Mr. Bray, "but I did not expect to have to pay for their clothes."

Judge Snare upheld the father's view and gave judgment for £14 2s. fid., the cost of the bride's dress, and that worn by her sister.

FEWER BRITISH ROAD DEATHS.

10 PER CENT. DROP THIS YEAR.

Fewer people are being killed in street accidents.

This news was disclosed at a meeting of the Committee of the National Safety First Association.

In each of the last 10 years the number of people killed has exceeded that for the preceding 12 months. This year there is a decrease, reported to-day in the picking up of a lifeboat containing eleven men, five dead men, and the badly injured captain of the schooner Baden-Baden.

The United States minesweeper Swan found the castaways in a critical plight 40 miles north-west of Cartagena, but found no trace of the three other castaways the pilot had described as being near the lifeboat on a raft.

The total deaths reported were 3,280, compared with 3,679—a reduction of more than 10 per cent.

More non-Fatal Mishaps.

A slight increase in the number of non-fatal accidents reported—the total rising from 96,995 to 102,187—is believed to be due to the fact that under the Road Traffic Act accidents must now be reported to the police.

Lieut.-Col. J. A. A. Pickard, the general secretary of the Safety First Association, said that the pessimists who prophesied that the abolition of the speed limit would result in twice as many people being killed were proved wrong.

"That was never our view," he added. "The figures confirm our observation that motor-drivers generally are showing more consideration and that pedestrians are doing their share, too."

LAST OF NAUTILUS.

DIVES TO A WATERY GRAVE.

The Nautilus is no more. Recently the famous Polar submarine was sent to her grave, 200 fathoms deep in the Bering Fjord.

It had been intended to sink her outside Norwegian territorial waters, but the weather was too rough, and the authorities agreed that she should be sunk in the fjord.

An engineer boarded the submarine, opened a valve, the vessel began to sink, and in half an hour she had made her final plunge.

As she disappeared the flag on the accompanying tug (on board which was the United States Consul) was dipped in salute.

Thus ended the eventful career of a vessel which made history by being the first to dive under the ice in the Polar regions.

Her last resting place is in the northern part of the fjord near Heflen and the water at this point was so rough that the sinking of the Nautilus was accomplished only with great difficulty.

MOTOR MERGER.

ROLLS TAKE OVER THE BENTLEY.

It is officially announced that the assets of the Bentley Motor Company have been taken over from the British Equitable Central Trust, Ltd., by Rolls-Royce, Ltd., who have under consideration the formation of a subsidiary company to deal with the matter.

The service and repairs for the benefit of Bentley owners will be continued.

The Bentley, launched by Mr. Bentley in 1932 has been Britain's premier racing car. It was the first to win the famous French high speed 24-hour race at Le Mans, a contest that has triumphed on three occasions.

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FIVE DEAD MEN IN A LIFEBOAT.

SEQUEL TO DISCOVERY FROM AN AEROPLANE.

New York, Nov. 12.

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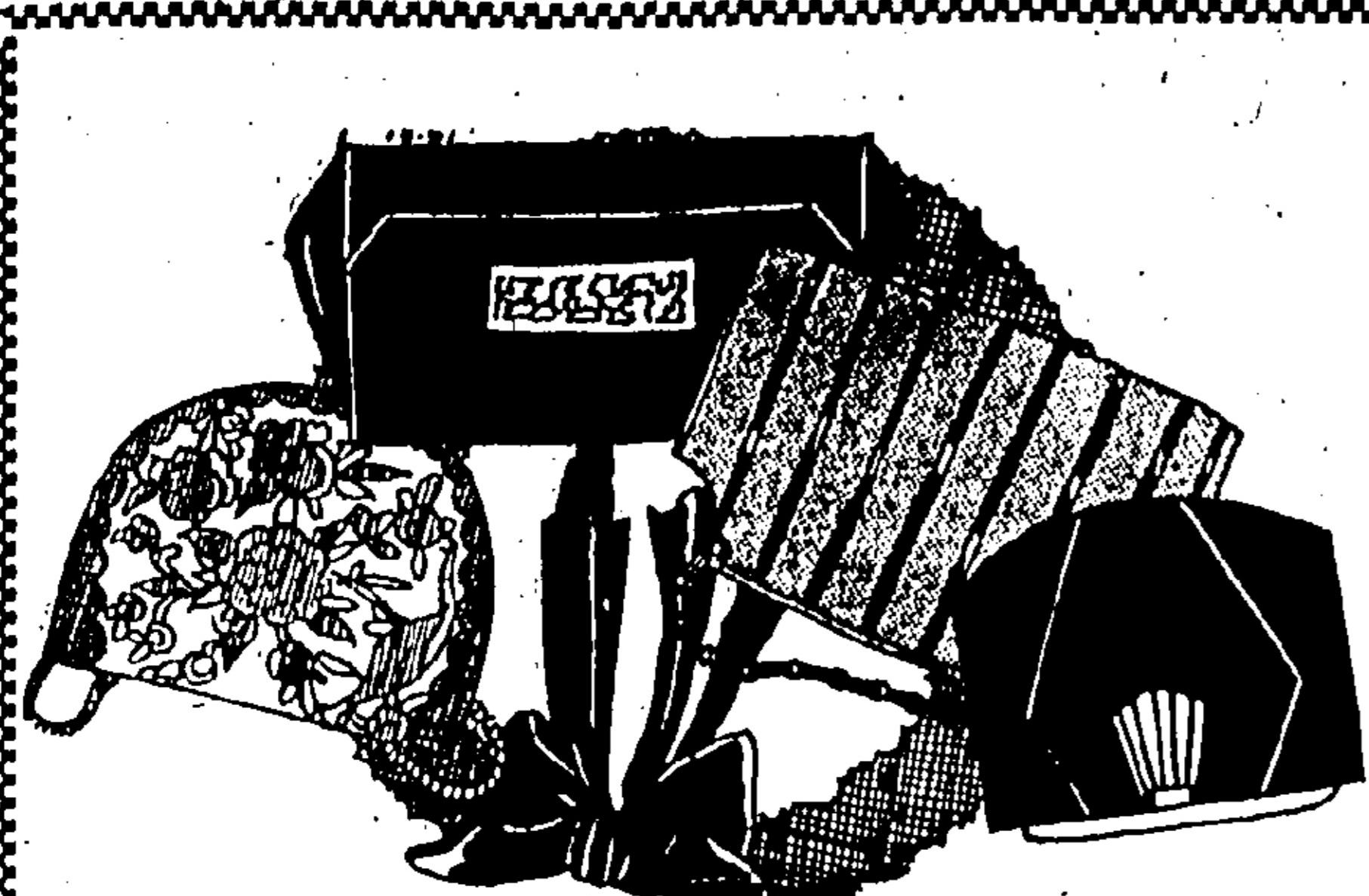
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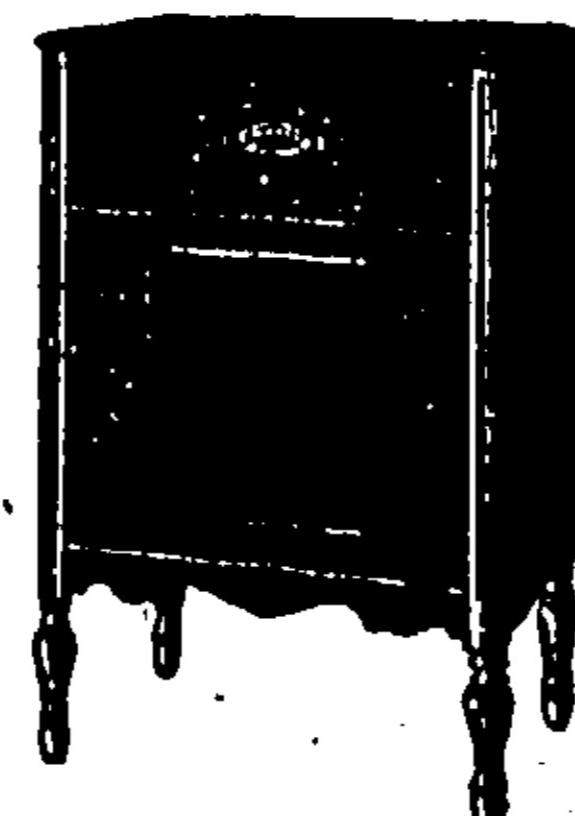
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CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

West Country Journalists were in a position to afford their readers interesting and amusing reading while the Gainsborough Company were at Camerton, Somerset, filming scenes for "The Ghost Train," showing tomorrow at the Queen's. The assistant director amused one of the descriptive writers.

"Gather round the assistant director," he writes. "He is on the platform, in front of a big board, which used to announce the fact that the station was Camerton, but which now bears in large letters 'Fal Vale, Junction for Truro.' Plus fours, a rowing scull, and a grin are the three most easily apparent features about him as he talks to group of young men—a mixed bag of them—who have been engaged as supers.

"Now, boys," says the man with the grin, "I want you to be here sharp on time. Wear old clothes, some with collars and ties, some without 'em—chokers, if you like."

"And bring some grub, for you'll most likely be here till three in the morning. Wrap up warm. And you see that little room next to the booking office? Well, there will be a barrel of beer in there to keep you cheerful while you're waiting!"

"The grin became infectious."

"Daddy Long Legs."

With a simple profoundly human story that millions have laughed and wept over, "Daddy Long Legs" provides notable entertainment for Hongkong screen patrons to-day at the King's Theatre.

Marking the first time that charming Janet Gaynor and the polished Warner Baxter have been co-starred in this Fox Film's production of Jean Webster's well loved play, confidently expected to set new attendance records at the picture houses during its run. Both the leading players are ideally suited to their roles, and an excellent supporting cast, headed by Una Merkel, John Arledge, Claude Gillingwater, Sr., and Kathryn Williams, and splendid direction combine to make "Daddy Long Legs" one of the real cinematic treats of the year.

Warner Baxter known the world over for his colourful characterizations on the screen, has added new laurels to his ever-growing popularity by his commendable performance as the wealthy bachelor in "Daddy Long Legs."

Janet Gaynor as the personable little orphan girl, "Judy," is featured in the picture. "Judy's" flaring tirade against her oppression in the "Orphan Home," "Pendleton's" decision to send her to college, their dawn of love, misunderstandings and final reunion are but a few of the story's emotional peaks.

"Sporting Blood."

A flying camera and the biggest gambling hall setting ever constructed combined in the filming of a unique thrill in "Sporting Blood." Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's graphic, filmization of Frederick Hazlitt Brennen's Saturday Evening Post story, "Horseshoe," which will come on Wednesday next to the Queen's Theatre.

The great gambling hall, à la Reno, was constructed on the entire floor space of one of the biggest sound stages in the studio. In it are seen every sort of game, blackjack, roulette, craps, faro, and so on, with several hundred extras playing.

The camera, on a special mechanical device, "flies" through the hall, looking over shoulders, at first one game, then another, and thus taking in the entire scene in one comprehensive trip. The effect is unique in pictures.

The new picture is a vivid romance of a gambler and a woman of the gambling halls, who find regeneration in struggle to "bring back" a mistreated race-horse. As a background for their drama, there is wide panorama of the entire field of racing. Famous races, including the Kentucky Derby, give incidental thrills and details of crooked racing and gambling are exposed.

Clark Gable and Madge Evans play the central roles as the lovers and a notable cast appears, including Ernest Torrence, Lew Cody, Marie Prevost, Harry Holman, Hallam Cooley, J. Farrell McDonald and others. Many famous racecourses and jockeys also appear, having been impressed as actors for the elaborate production.

"Tiger Rose."

Grant Withers, in "Tiger Rose," Grant Bros. and Vitaphone production which is now playing at 5:15 and 9:20 only at the Queen's Theatre, has a white horse shot from under him when he attempts to escape from the Northwest Mounted Police.

During the filming of this scene by Director George Fitzmaurice a trained horse was used which would take a seeming fall at a command from its master.

The horse took the fall all right, and Withers went right over the horse's head and was temporarily knocked out.

"Get back on the horse and we'll continue the scene," shouted Assistant Director Ben Silvey. Still groggy, Withers mounted the horse.

Then Director Fitzmaurice came up and said:

"Get down off that horse before you're thrown again. We've got the shot of that fall, and it's okay." Withers dismounted and as he rubbed his head said:

"I wish somebody would decide what I'm going to do about this horse."

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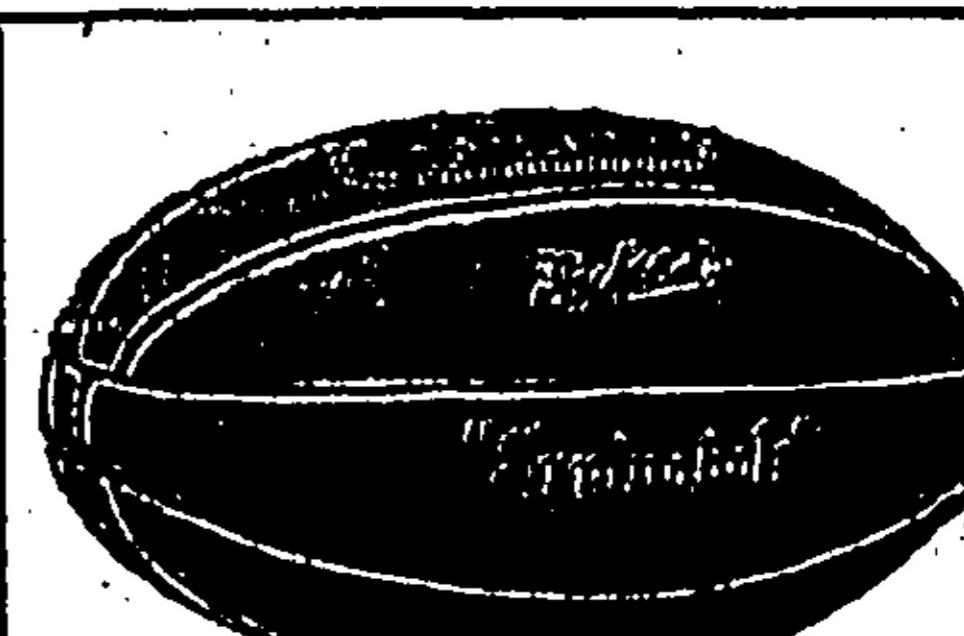
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SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treat and Co.

New York Terminals.

March 1932 1.05 down 5 pts.

May 1932 1.11 down 4 pts.

July 1932 1.16 down 4 pts.

September 1932 1.21 down 4 pts.

December 1932 1.01 down 3 pts.

Sourabaya (18/12/31).—Trust Mills sold 22,000 tons Whites for India, price not disclosed but probably 76%.

Empress Eugenie Footnotes



*The new hats mean
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of all---new shoes
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with the costumes*

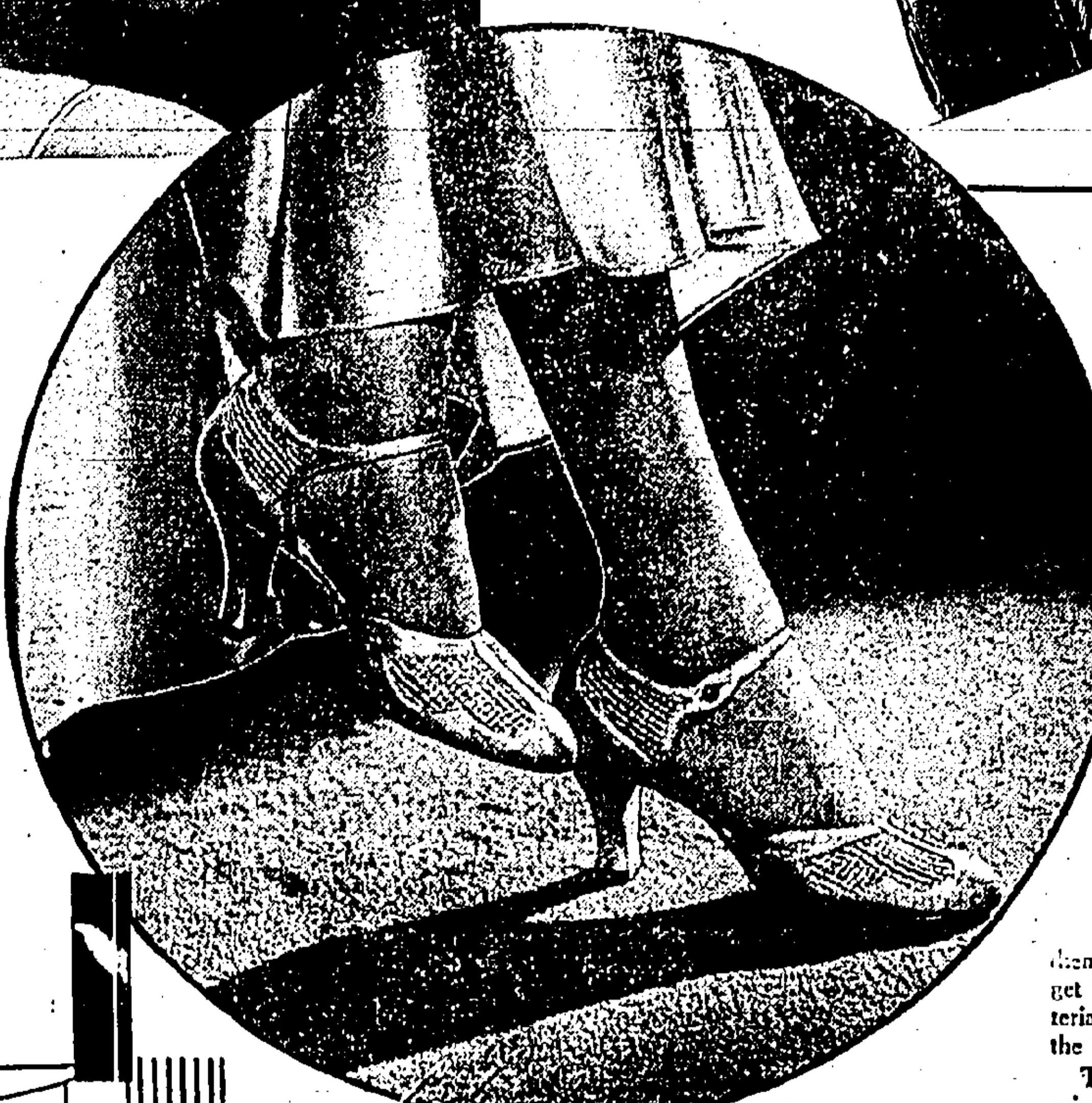
by Julia

Illustrations courtesy of
Shoecraft Salon, New York



A evening cap of silver mesh, tilted daringly to one side... but doubly effective because the mesh is the same as that of the slippers in the circle.

S Showing how the new types have run from head to heel... here are the now "high-low" heels in three types of shoe...



B Black suede, combined in a unique way with inlays of patent leather... but the striking note is the white kid piping which separates the two materials in both shoes and purse.

And here's the catch. The saddle and front piece are artistically decorated with tiny nail heads—and how "Eugenie" it is! Even the empress herself would have created a sensation with such a shoe.

To cap the climax there is an entire ensemble, which includes not only the shoe, but a matching hand bag, a belt and a bunch of feather effects made of kid and bedecked with the nail heads (gold or silver) which can be nattily placed on almost any of the new fall hats.

the most brilliant of all

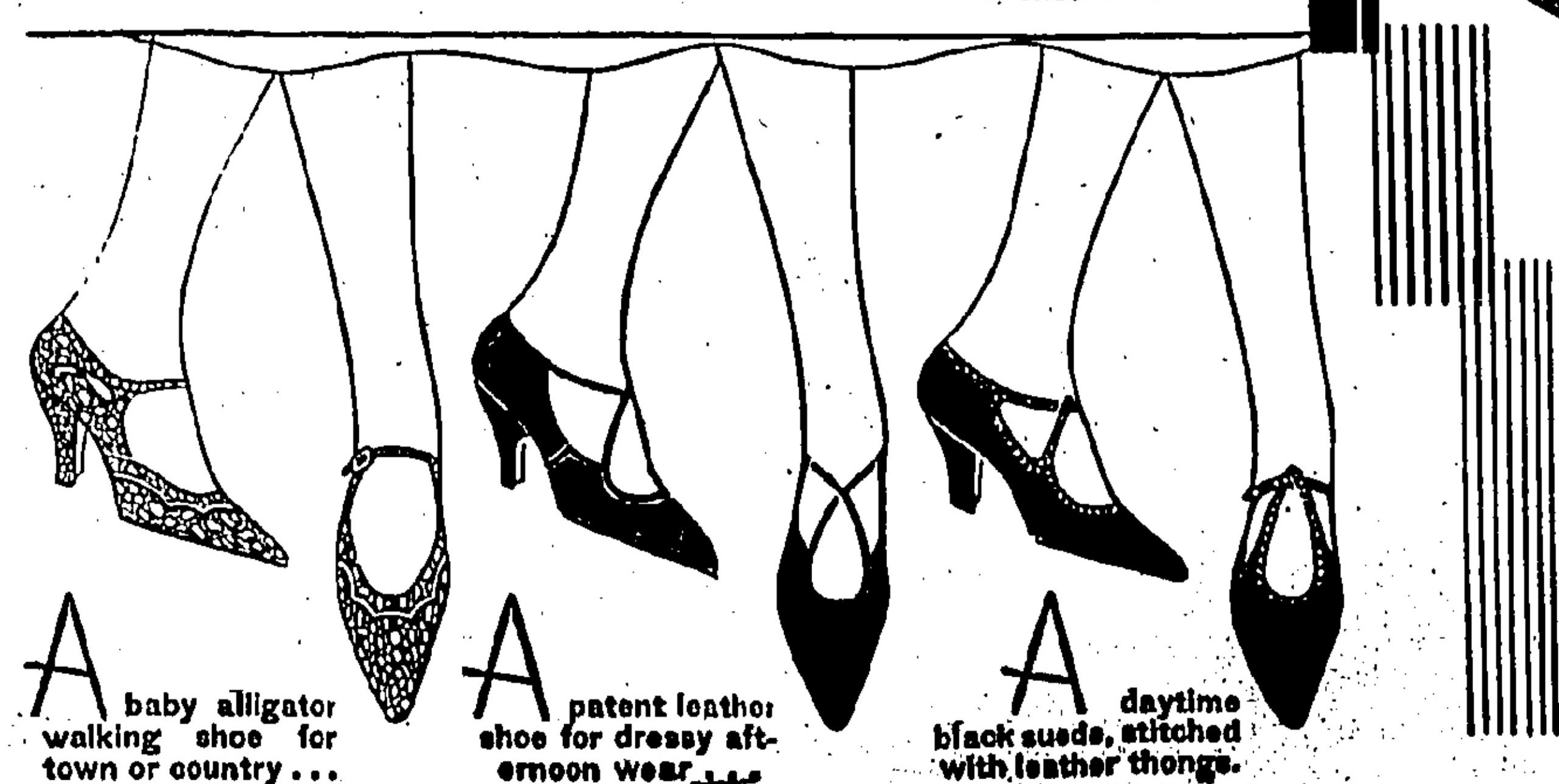
Of course, these new period influences which started with the Second Empire express themselves by far the best in evening shoes. There they get the opportunity to use the gayest and most brilliant materials and patterns. There is a most persistent revival of the all-over gold and all-over silver slipper for evening.

They are as grand and elegant as anything ever conceived in the most luxurious empire days of Napoleonic times. Fashioned of a new gold and silver mesh of the finest threads loosely woven and used as inlays in combination with gold or silver kid, these are the exquisite works of art that will grace the dancing feet of this season.

There are sandals, and more sandals than ever. Besides the gold and silver ones there is another very new one made of a combination of dull crepe with shiny satin which is particularly effective. This is to be dyed or worn as all white, if you prefer, with your new white satin gown.

Just one word to the wise. In spite of all the intricateness, the proverbial opera pump is still present—for there are many who prefer this type of shoe to any other. This dainty little almost insignificant bit of footwear is not to be outdone, by all these new revivals and historic influences going round about town.

The material in some of the new evening sandals is almost less than nothing. Some sandals have such a strong preference for the cut-out patterns that they are composed of nothing but straps with an inch or two of fabric or kid to act as a shoe basis. Silver and gold brocades are favorites. Satin and crepe are still toting the fashion line.



The Empress Eugenie touch in evening slippers is glittering... This pair is silver kid, with silver mesh inlays to match the evening cap above.

pin seal for opera pumps

FOR the new lightweight woolens and smart suits, the most chic shoes are of pin seal. A plain tailored opera pump with wing tip and heel of calf to match its pin seal foundation is very good looking. Of course the favored leather heel is the only thing acceptable for this type of shoe.

A typical sport shoe (Spectator) which is very smart, is a fine brown calf moccasin trimmed only with very simple but chic leather thong stitching.

The street shoes are the most unusual things by far of this very unique season! One model is a high cut slip-on model of suede with a side saddle and buckle effect over the front, both made of matching kid.

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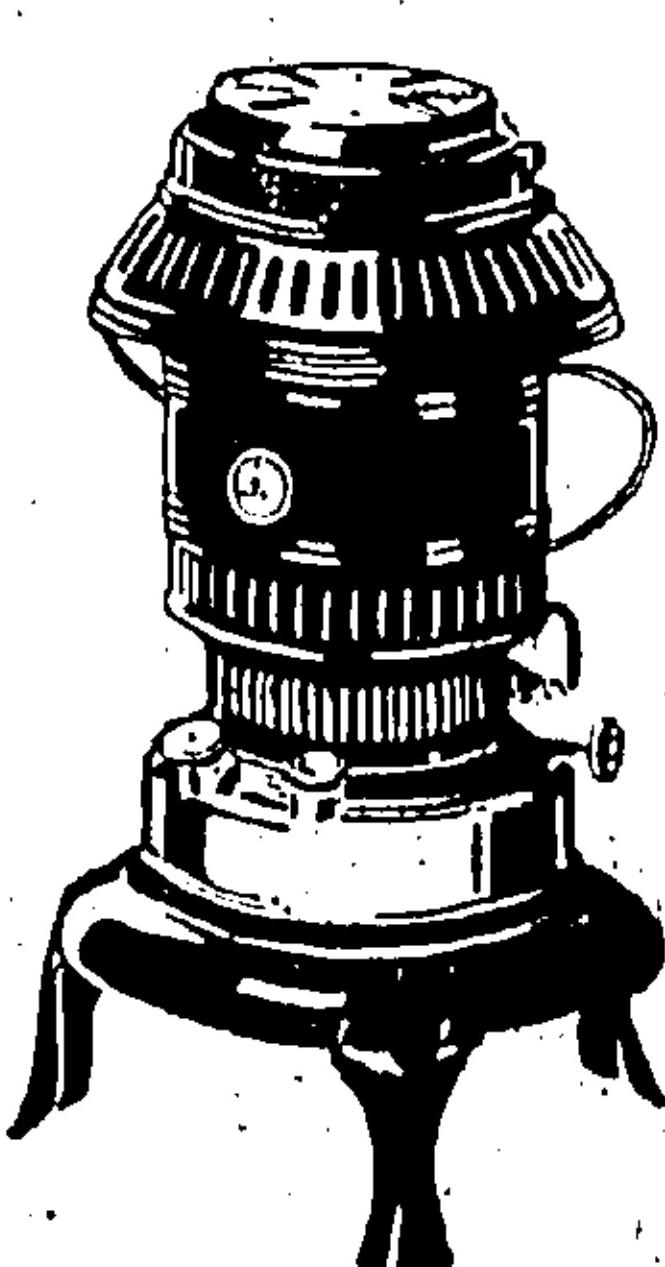
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BULLOCH-MCLEOD WEDDING.



The above group was taken after the wedding, at Union Church on Monday, of Mr. James Bulloch and Miss Helen McLeod. (Photo: Ming Yuen Studio).

GOLD AND ITS VALUE.

QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE CRISIS.

Gold is familiar to everybody because of its use in jewellery, dentistry, gilding, &c., but few people know much about the occurrence of gold in the rough state or the means by which it becomes available to craftsmen. Fewer still are acquainted with all the facts relating to its employment in coinage.

Gold is an element, its composition is not known, it cannot be manufactured. The use of it for coins of value dates back to 300 B.C. A Greek talent weighing about 130 grains was then taken as a unit of value equal to 1 cow or 1 ox. Hence our word pecuniary, derived from the Greek word for cattle.

From the Middle Ages to less than 100 years ago, the supply of gold for Europe came chiefly from Spanish America, out of the mines of "the King of Spain," the native Indians who were employed by the Spaniards as miners being little better than slaves. Russia alone produced enough perhaps for her own use. The California gold rush in 1849 resulted later in rich strikes in Colorado and other Western States. The Victorian diggings of 1850 were followed by discoveries in New South Wales, Queensland, New Zealand, &c. The South African gold yield began about 1887. West Australian 1892; Yukon and Alaska about 1896. The Canadian (Ontario) output is more recent. Gold comes, of course, from many other places (I saw very rich specimens in Wales in 1895), but those named have been the principal sources. I mention them because it is necessary to recall how changed are the conditions of gold supply since England adopted the gold standard in 1816.

A Fixed Value.

The gold standard is an attempt to give to the metal gold a specified fixed and unchangeable value in relation to other commodities; and thus establish a foundation upon which the financial and commercial machines of the nation might securely be built and permanently operated. But the cost of producing and marketing any commodity, even gold, must and does vary from time to time; and its natural selling price must therefore vary too. The State method for trying to give a stable value to gold was to legislate that any quantity offered for sale at a State Mint should be purchased by the State at a fixed price governed only by the quality of each parcel, the Mint price being roughly £4 4s. per ounce for the gold. A corresponding value was impressed upon certain pieces of it, suitably alloyed, which we know as coins.

Even our pre-war population knew little about minting, though handling sovereigns and half sovereigns daily; and many people believed that gold was naturally worth its coined value, neither more nor less; indeed, a professional man of high standing in London insisted to the writer that gold was intrinsically worth £4 4s. an ounce.

The intrinsic value of any commodity lies in its useful qualities and in the consequent public demand for it. Some of the inherent qualities of gold are: Rich yellow colour, untarnishable; malleability, great weight, high melting point, and affinity for certain other metals.

Because it has each of these properties in a greater value than most other metals, gold is more valuable, weight for weight, than they are. Its comparative scarcity has also helped to create a demand.

The Real Cost.

But why was an ounce of fine gold arbitrarily valued in 1816 at £4 4s. and not at say, £5 6s. or £6

LABOUR 'PACKS' THE UPPER HOUSE.

NEW SOUTH WALES BOMBHELL.

Sydney, Nov. 20. Two women, the first to be appointed to the New South Wales Legislative Council, are among 25 Labour nominees to the Council whom the Governor of New South Wales (Sir Philip Game) has just agreed to appoint.

Most of the nominees are officials of trade unions.

The announcement of the new appointments has come as a bombshell in political circles.

They give the Labour Party a majority of seven in the Council, but 16 of the members are followers of Mr. Coates and, although Labour, are not pledged to support the plan of Mr. Lang, the Premier.

It is not known what the composition of the new appointments will be. The announcement of the new appointments has come as a bombshell in political circles.

When Sir Isaac Newton was in charge of the Royal Mint in 1717, he made certain changes, abolishing the guinea in favour of the sovereign on account of the flow of silver to the Continent at the time. Presumably gold was then considered to cost in production relatively 14 times as much as silver; and the weight and value in the minted gold and silver coins were fixed in accordance. Silver was then legal tender.

In 1816 when silver was demonetised (i.e. when our bi-metallic standard was abandoned) the commercial price of silver was about 5s. per ounce, and the gold then being produced was apparently supposed to cost about the same as in 1717. But clearly the cost, and not a conventional estimate of cost, should govern the price of gold, which seems to have been ignored.

I cannot find anywhere the figure of cost which guided the decision to the Mint price per ounce of gold.

Sold at a Loss.

The cost of a given bar of fine gold should be the working cost of mining, extracting, refining, and delivery to a Mint, plus capital charges, overhead expenses, and a reasonable profit. Unfortunately the Mint price of (roughly) £4 4s. per ounce is frequently but a small part of what the bar has cost to produce. Hence so many gold mining companies go into liquidation. Even the great gold mines of the Rand found that they could not carry on during the War without a premium on the Mint prices, and the Government was obliged to pay them a premium of 10s. per ounce. Were the Rand Mines to employ only white labour, they could not keep going without a heavy subsidy. Today we see the "free price" up to £5 per ounce.

Nor is the full Mint price obtainable locally on a new gold field or mining camp. Storekeepers and gold buyers drive a hard bargain with the diggers. In Ballarat and Bendigo in early days rough gold was sold sometimes at £2 10s. per ounce, and much of it at £3. The authorities in 1816 could not foresee either the coming huge increase in world trade or the general adoption of the gold standard or the enormous increase of gold and silver supplies. Nor, indeed, could they have provided fully for these developments. It was equally beyond their capacity then as it is beyond ours now to foretell or control the future.

But if the world is not to revert to the exchange and barter of goods some system of money as a token or a standard of value will always be needed; and if metals are to be used for coins, if the State cannot control the output and cost of production of such metals, it should so arrange that the cost may be computed periodically, and that variations in cost be provided for.

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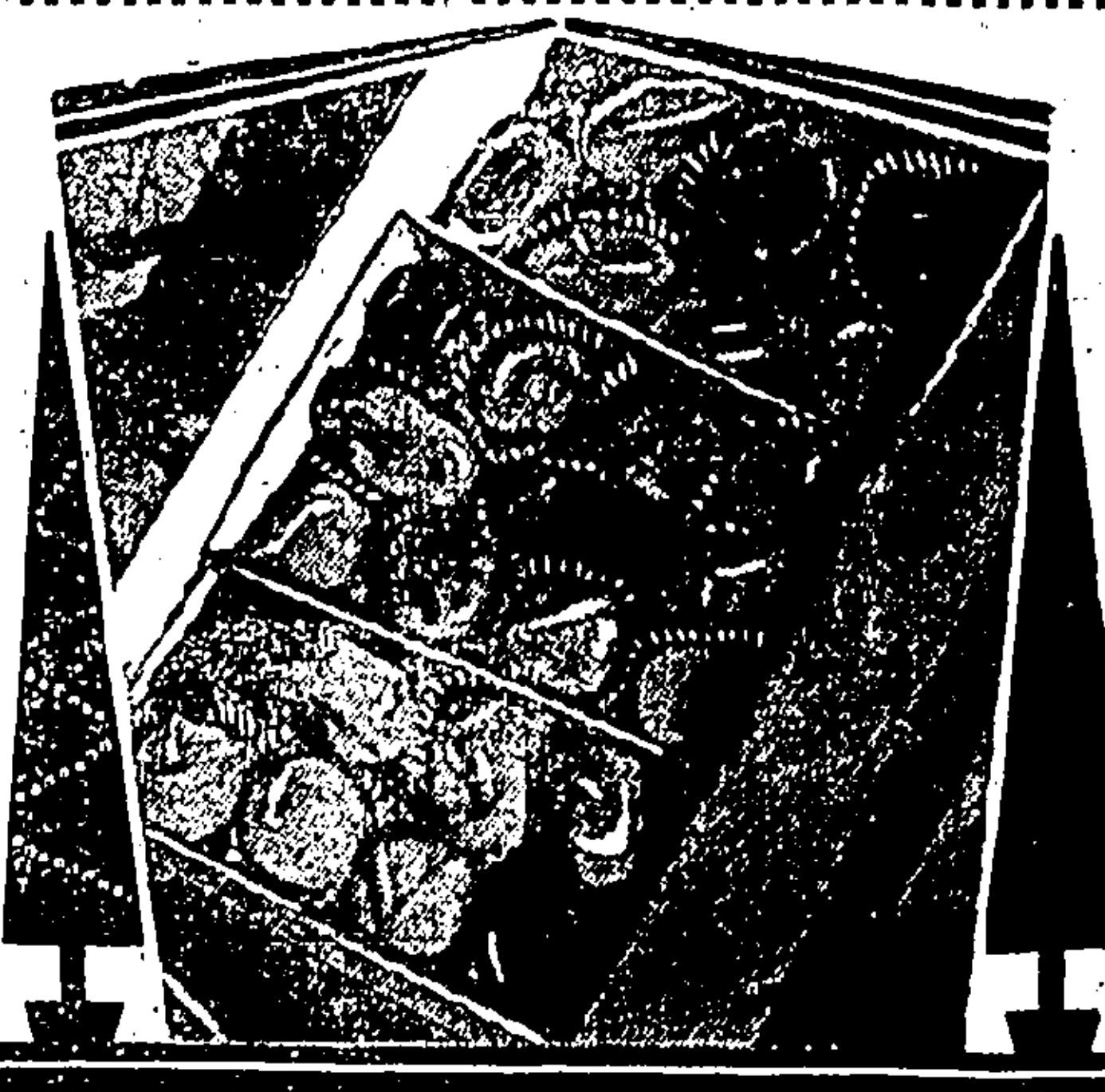
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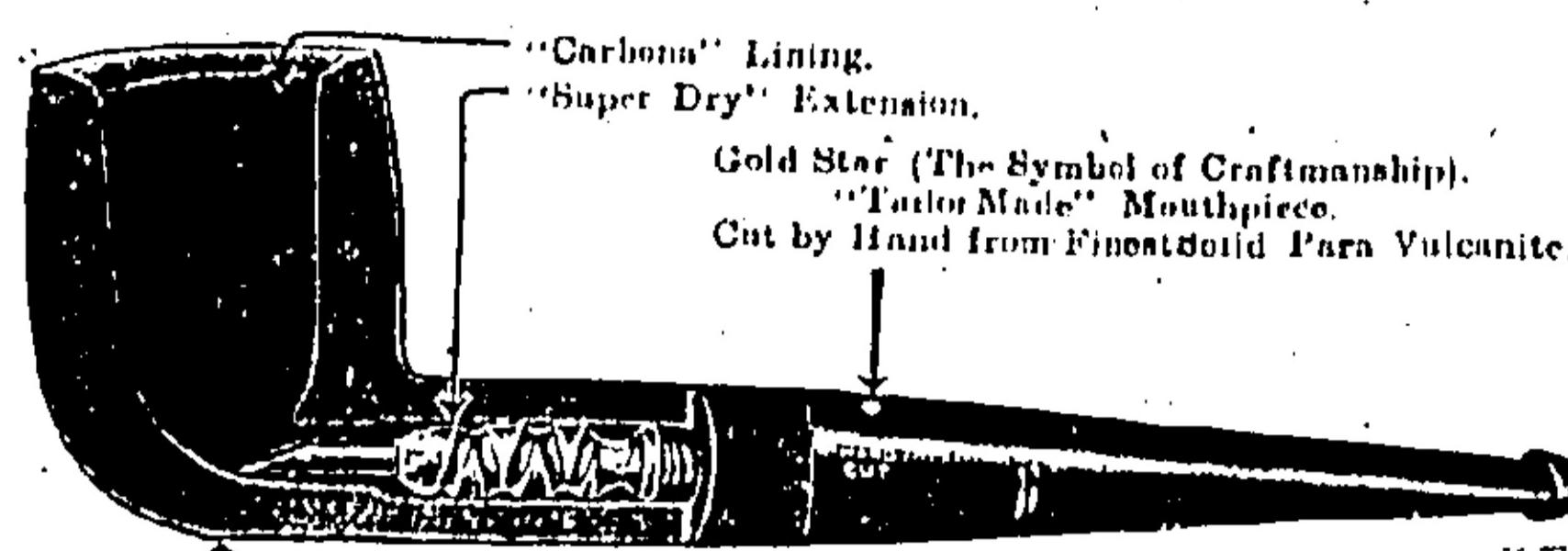
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BERLIN POLICE TOO SLOW.**ALL NIGHT WATCH AT BANKER'S HOUSE.**

Berlin, Nov. 20. The Berlin police last night neatly locked the door of an empty stable by posting a watch outside the house of Herr Willie Seiffert, the only director of the closed Berlin Bank for Commerce and Real Estate. Two hours before the police appeared Herr Seiffert had left his house for good.

The Reich Commissar for Banking was able to give the public prosecutor, Herr Sturm, sufficiently incriminating material to permit Herr Seiffert's arrest as early as 4.30 yesterday afternoon, but Herr Sturm was so busy dealing with the affairs of Herr Katzenellenbogen, the beer king, that the matter was referred to another public prosecutor.

Further delay in issuing a warrant was then caused by the chief of police choosing that evening to visit the theatre. Consequently the police officers first reached Herr Seiffert's house at 9.15 p.m. They patiently waited all night for him to appear, and it was not until Frau Seiffert rang up the

police to ask why her husband had not returned home, as expected, at seven o'clock on the previous evening, that the authorities realized they had been tricked.

All frontier stations and ports have been warned to look out for Herr Seiffert, but it is feared he may already have escaped into Switzerland, as it is now known that he took a train to Southern Germany last night. He is in possession of his passport and carries a revolver and ammunition.

Herr Seiffert owns two considerable estates, two motor-cars, and a house in Berlin. He was soon to have appeared in court on a charge of perjury arising from the trial for bribery and corruption of two members of the Anhalt Parliament earlier this year.

Hundreds of the 30,000 depositors of the Berlin Bank of Commerce and Real Estate waited all day outside the 23 branches of the Bank in Berlin discussing the chances of recovering savings, which in some cases were paid in as late as yesterday morning. Although the closing of the bank is a severe blow to many small investors, the crash is unlikely to affect the economic situation inside or outside Germany to any great extent.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Max Marcus and Berthold Schreiber, the former proprietors of the Berlin Bank Max

Marcus and Company, which closed its doors this week. An inquiry into the bank's position revealed defalcations to the extent of 4,200,000 marks.

DANCE GIRL HOSTESSES.**THE L.C.C. TO TAKE ACTION.**

Action is to be taken by the L.C.C. Entertainments Committee, following Mr. Justice McCordie's criticism of the dancing girl hostesses system in London restaurants.

A full report is to be called for and a careful investigation of the matter will be made.

Mr. P. J. Richardson, chairman of the official Board of Ball Room Dancing, said that conditions such as those which had been described undoubtedly did exist in London, and the girls had to make them selves pleasant to any man who came in.

"At the big well-known dance halls, however, things are very different," he added. "There is a fixed charge for a dancing partner, of which half goes to the manager and half to the girl."

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KOWLOON UNION CHURCH.**ANNUAL MEETING HELD LAST NIGHT.**

The new draft constitution of Kowloon Union Church was unanimously accepted at the annual meeting which was held in the Church hall last night, under the Chairmanship of the Rev. Frank Short.

In the annual report was a statement as to provisional arrangements that have been made for the welcome of the new Pastor, the Rev. E. L. Allen, M.A., Ph.D., and Mrs. Allen, who are due to arrive on the 4th January. Provisional arrangements for the welcome are that Officers of the Church, members of the General Committee, and representatives from Subsidiary Societies, will meet the vessel to offer a warm welcome. A Welcoming Social will take place in the Church Schoolroom on Friday, January 8, at 9 p.m., when the Resident Ministers and representatives from Hongkong Union Church are to be invited to meet, with Kowloon Church members, in welcoming the new Pastor and his wife.

The Chairman said that the meeting was, in some ways, historic, as it was the first meeting of members after the completion of the new Church. Another reason for it being an historic meeting was that, at a later stage, the draft constitution would be put forward for acceptance. It was the intention of Kowloon Union Church, once and for all, to stand on its own; not to sever its connexion with the Hongkong Union Church, but to place the relationship between the two on a slightly different basis.

Mr. Short continued that he wished to refer to the amazing generosity of the members of the Church. In their seeming optimism they had decided that if they could see their way clear to get \$8,000 they would proceed with the calling of a Minister, and the Hon. Treasurer would be able to report that the amount collected exceeded that sum.

Excellent Finances.

Referring to the Treasurer's report, the Chairman said he had served as Treasurer for five years, but during that time he had not succeeded in doing anything as wonderful as he had done this year. He had converted an ad-

verse balance of \$188 into a balance on the right side of exactly \$1,000.—(Applause). He (the Chairman) left it to their imagination as to what work, tact, and judgment that feat required.

The Hon. Secretary's Report, together with reports of the Women's Guild, Choir, Sunday School, and the Young People's Society were adopted.

The Secretary's report showed that total contributions for the year, including envelope contributions, and subscriptions amount to \$5,231.47 as against \$3,766.20 for the year ended 30th November, 1930. There are 193 names on the Church Roll, which has been revised as from the 1st October, 1931.

Under the enthusiastic and able leadership of Mr. J. J. Cornelius, the choir has rendered good service. Thanks are also due to Mrs. Short, who has been elected Church Organist, for her untiring services at the organ. Mr. W. E. Flemming has been elected Deputy Organist.

The Church is to be congratulated on the completion of the \$10,000 Building and Furnishing Fund. The Women's Guild are to be also congratulated for their recent effort in raising \$722.25 at the Bazaar held on the 14th November, 1931.

The Chairman and Committee thank those members who have so loyally supported the Church during the past year, and hope that, with the beginning of a New Year, and the arrival of the New Pastor and Mrs. Allen, the membership will increase.

The Year's Budget.

Statements presented by the Hon. Treasurer, General Account, Building and Furnishing Fund, and Furlough Fund, were adopted.

The Treasurer then presented his Budget for next year, calling for an income of \$10,350 and expenditure of \$10,272. This was also adopted.

It was also agreed that the Financial Year should be altered to run from January 1 until December 31.

In presenting the Draft Constitution, which was adopted, the Chairman said it had been critically examined by the Constitution Sub-Committee, with members from both Hongkong and Kowloon, and by the Committee of Management in Kowloon, and it was presented with the approval of the last-named Committee.

He continued an important point was that: the ultimate authority

was vested in the membership of the Church and not in seetholders or adherents, and certain powers were given, of necessity, to Trustees and could also be given if it was so desired to a Committee of Management.

Provision was also made for more frequent meetings of members of the Church.

Mr. Short went on to say that in the provision for Trustees they could be elected either from Hongkong or Kowloon in any proportion, as the feeling had been expressed more than once that it would be undesirable at that stage and, perhaps, even in the distant future, for the close relations which had existed in the past to be severed. It was thought that, in that way, provision would be made for the continuance of the attachment between the two Churches.

New Officers.

The election of officers then followed. Mr. G. R. Leib was re-elected Hon. Secretary, but when it was proposed to re-elect Mr. Warren as Hon. Treasurer, he said he would be unable to accept any position as his future sojourn in Hongkong was very uncertain, although he was sorry to have to say so. Mr. R. Taylor was elected in his place.

Mr. E. W. Niblett was elected Envelope Secretary, and Messrs. T. R. Ingram, J. Gardiner and J. Provan were elected Envelope Stewards.

The following were elected to the Committee: Madames Forsyth, Nelson, Dick, Lang, and Messrs. J. J. Cornelius, A. W. Ingram, D. Gov. J. Provan, E. W. Niblett, J. E. Anderson, J. Revie and D. McKenzie.

Before the meeting closed, Mr. Leib expressed his thanks to Mr. Short, Mr. Warren and especially to Mrs. Forsyth, for the great help they had given him during the past year.

The Chairman thanked the retiring Committee, and referred to the assistance that had been given to the Church by the Societies, especially by the Women's Guild. He also thanked the auditors.

The Rev. E. G. Powell closed the meeting with prayer.

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TEST CRICKET.

BRILLIANT BOWLING BY GRIMMETT.

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Australia Go In.

Australia had an early set-back, when Ponsford was bowled by Quinn with the last ball of the first over, after scoring 5, the first wicket falling for 0 runs.

Ponsford had covered up his of stump, but the ball swung in sharply and took the leg stump.

Quinn's pace from the wicket troubled the batsmen, and Vincent's slow ones had a quietening effect.

Woodfull and Rigg, with 36 and 35 respectively, stayed out the rest of time, and stumps were drawn with Australia's score 78 for 1.

South Africa—1st Innings.

B. Mitchell, b McCabe, c Nitashke, b Grinnell, st Oldfield, b

H. B. Morkel, st Oldfield, b

H. W. Taylor, c Lee, b Grinnell,

E. L. Cameron, b Wall,

K. Viljoen, b Ironmonger,

C. L. Vincent, not out,

E. L. Brown, b McCabe,

N. A. Quinn, lbw, McCabe

A. J. Bell, b McCabe

Extras 0

Total 153

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Wall 18 3 46 1
McCabe 12 5 13 4
Grinnell 24 12 28 4
Ironmonger 12 1 38 1
Lee 7 1 24

Australia.—1st Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, not out 36

W. H. Ponsford, b Quinn

R. Rigg, not out 36

Extras 2

Total (for 1 wkt.) 78

Mr. Gray—I appear for defendant, who says that he has not done this. He has been friendly with a number of stable boys, but he says he has not induced them at all. He does not want this action hanging over him, and he is prepared to give an undertaking in the terms asked for, and also to make the undertaking perpetual so as to put an end to the matter. He is not a racing man, but is the owner of a laundry.

His Lordship said that, the parties agreeing to treat the motion as the trial of the action, there would be a perpetual injunction in the terms of the notice of motion, with costs, and an inquiry as to damages, costs of which would be reserved.

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LITERARY ENGINEERS.

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Mr. H. R. Lintern, of the Ministry of Transport, speaking at the Public Works Congress at the Agricultural Hall, London, emphasised the necessity for every intending civil engineer to have a real knowledge of his own language and literature, so that he might be able to speak and write in a concise and convincing style.

"The fundamental basis for the acquisition of the power of clear and lucid thought and writing is the cultivation of the habit of reading the best in literature," he said.

Major Leslie Roseveare, of Eastbourne, said that many young civil engineers, after a University training, found their hats too small for them, and they required a few months under a navy foreman before "that sort of thing was knocked out of them."

Another delegate said that some of the most inefficient assistants he had had were Masters of Science.

Mr. B. E. Elford, of Dandsworth, said that lighting was being boosted to an extravagant degree.

"Street lighting has gone mad," he said. "Much of it, like that in Whitechapel, is purely spectacular. It

is much more important to raise the standard of illumination in secondary streets."

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Mr. Justice Langton said that the letters were written by Mrs. Ingrey. She had been warned against perjury. "She was," his lordship added, "to my mind, a ready and ingenious liar and was quite unperturbed by any caution I administered to her."

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Mr Stanton has some very good mounts to-morrow, so I would advise bookers to have a bit on whenever he appears. My selections are:—

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The Bustard
Thun derclap.
2nd Race.
The Stumper
Demurrer
Foxfoot
3rd Race.
Tom
Donnabilla
The General
4th Race.
Christmas Belle
The Partridge
Moynaghher
5th Race.
Christmas Frolic
Royal Flush
Marquis Hall
6th Race.
Noukhail
Sonny Boy
Country Club
7th Race.
Cloudy Eye
Fritillary
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Shanghai.....	1/11.11/16	1/11.11
New York.....	3.45%	3.31
Amsterdam.....	8%	8.30
Stockholm.....	18	17.15/16
Vienna.....	29	28
Madrid.....	40.9/16	39%
Bucharest.....	580	556
Hongkong.....	1/8.5	1/5.5
Brussels.....	24.13/16	23.15.16
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A communiqué later issued states that the Pool now holds 19,000 tons of tin, the whole of this appearing in visible supplies.

All signatory Governments to the International tin quota agreement are now agreed to remain in the scheme for the control of tin for three years from the 12th August last, or until the prior liquidation of Pool.

They have approved the revision of the sliding scale of prices which provides that the present minimum price of £150 per ton shall be increased to £176 and this will now be the minimum price at which the initial amount of five per cent. of the Pool's holding may be released for sale, if and when this shall have been the average price of spot tin on the London metal exchange during any completed calendar month.

The next successive price limit at which ten per cent. may be released has been similarly increased to £176 and the further release prices have been adjusted accordingly. The Committee emphasise that the Pool's tin is firmly held and is out of the control of Pool participants. It can only be dealt with under the conditions stipulated in the Pool Agreement.—British Wireless.

A.A. CLUB DINNER DANCE.

HAPPY FUNCTION LAST NIGHT.

There was a big gathering at the annual dinner dance of the Hongkong Automobile Association, held at the Peninsula Hotel last night. The arrangements were in every way excellent, and the function was voted as the most successful yet held by the Association.

Owing to indisposition, the President (Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy) was unable to be present, but in his absence Mr. P. M. Hodgson presided. This year, there were no speeches, the whole evening being given up to dancing. In the programme was an Eightsome Reel, which was danced with much gusto.

An excellent dinner was served, and the dance orchestra was in fine form. Dancing was kept up until 1 a.m., a special ferry being run for the benefit of Hongkong people.

	Yesterday	Today
Bombay.....	1/5.5/32	1/6.5/32
Yokohama.....	2/6/31	—
Montevideo.....	31/4	31/2
Montreal.....	—	4.10
Silver (spot).....	20.7/16	20.5
.....(forward).....	20.11/16	20.7/16

—British Wireless.

KEEN HOCKEY MATCH.

RADIO SPORTS CLUB BEAT CLUB "A."

In a game which was fairly evenly contested, the Radio Sports Club met and defeated the Club "A," by one goal to nil on the Club ground yesterday.

From the outset the Club swept up the field, but the final effort was saved by the Radio custodian. The Radio retaliated and after some pretty passing movements nearly scored through G. Singh, who struck the left upright. Duncan, Wade and Tetley at forward for the Club ga'e Gilchrist, the Radio centre-half a busy time, but he received excellent support from the rear division, and half time arrived with both goals intact.

Upon the resumption, Guest and Gilchrist changed places and this move resulted in a vast improvement in the Radio team. The Radio took up the running, and following an opening pass by Gilchrist, G. Singh transferred to Kalmant Singh who scored with an unstoppable shot. Shortly afterwards, the same player missed two "sitters."

Although the Club were by no means out of the picture, they could make little or no impression on the visiting defence, and full time was signalled with the score unaltered.

Duncan, Wade and Tetley were outstanding for the Club, while the Radio were best served by Guest, G. and P. Singh and Spani Sungin Singh.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

Being on the actual eve of the Settlement Day, the market appears to be hanging fire. One or two stocks, however, have receded to some extent.

Sales.

Wharves, \$163/4.
Evans, Tls. 15.35/15 1/2.
Trans., \$21.20.
China Lights, \$27.20, \$27.40 and \$27.

Buyers.

Douglases, \$24.
Providents (old), \$5.15.
Providents (new), \$2.95.
Chinese Estates, \$55.
China Lights, \$26.5.
Cements (combined), \$10.
Cements (old), \$12 1/2.
Watsons, \$10 1/2.
H.K. Government Loan, \$2 1/4% premium.

Raubs, \$40 1/2 ex dividend.
Hotels (old), \$14.85.

H.K. Lands, \$80.
Ewes, Tls. 15.35.

Telephone (part paid), \$25 1/2.

H.K. Ropes, \$16.90.
Dairy Farms, \$28 1/2.
Amusements, \$19.90.

Sellers.

Centres (combined), \$10 1/2.

S.C. Enterprises, \$10.

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MATCH AT ST. PATRICK'S CLUB LAST NIGHT.

a dance on Wednesday in the Garrison Lecture Hall. To mark the close of the tournament, an exhibition match was played last night at St. Patrick's Club between the Winners and the Rest. A game of 200 up, it was played by six men from either side, the South Wales Borderers, who are the runners-up, supplying the extra man to make up to the full number.

